



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Longview, Texas

DECEMBER 2017  
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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

## WHY ME? WHY NOT ME?!!

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

Over the past few months, you have witnessed your Vestry in serious action! The search for a new Rector is no small task, one of high importance to the health, well-being, and future of the parish! Even the routine service of the Vestry is one that takes energy, preparation and prayer.

In short, it takes work, but few things are more rewarding when it comes to one's church life! You may be thinking – “wow, I'm glad ‘they’ have to do it, not me!” Or, “Boy, I'm thankful I'm not on the Vestry – those poor folks!” And last, but not least, “I'll never do that” or “never again,” if you have served in the past. At a Vestry Workshop last spring, part of the program was ‘Vestry Recruitment.’ These were among the questions the leader posed:

\*“What's the image of your Vestry?”

\*“Does it appear that being a Vestry member is fun?”

\*“Do folks think you have to be an accountant to serve?”

\*Or my personal favorite, “did you feel called to serve?...or did you just succumb?”

*That's where “Why Not Me?” comes in!*

Why **NOT** you? Every adult in the parish is already qualified to serve! If you love God, love Trinity and want the best for it, you are qualified. To be truly effective, all demographics of the parish as a whole should be represented. It is a learning experience to be sure but it is also a bonding, unique, rewarding and enjoyable ride – most of the time. And it IS fun!

Before we know it, it will be time to elect new members to the Vestry as others complete their term. In the past, we have struggled to “find” parishioners to serve! This should not be the case! Please begin now to think of how you might lend your talents, experience and love to Trinity through Vestry membership. Pray about it. Ask current Vestry about serving. Observe. Read the meeting minutes published in The Trumpet. Sit in on a Vestry meeting – yes, they are open to visitors with few exceptions. Pray some more.

Step forward and say, “why NOT me?” Your service is needed and will be a blessing to God and to you.

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## NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 2017 VESTRY MINUTES - CHERRY SIKES, SENIOR WARDEN

Church facilities, security, appointment of the Rector Search team, and the status of the 2018 Stewardship “Growing in Giving” initiative was the focus of the November meeting.

\*The Vestry has arranged for a church security advisor to tour our facilities and review our security systems and improvement plans.

\*The Rector Search Committee was appointed. Training and Commissioning will take place the first weekend in January. Linda Leath and Kathy Gray will be Vestry reps to the Committee. Alyce Sparks, Christy Collins, Alan Robertson, Wiley Thomas, Gary Whitwell, Bill Charles, Blake Scott and Jim Sawyer are congregational representatives. Cherry Sikes as Senior Warden will serve as a non-voting member.

\*As of the November meeting, over half of the Stewardship pledge cards had been returned with an encouraging response.

## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector  
Gary Whitwell, TST Head of School  
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator  
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries  
Rae Dickson, Director of Student Ministries  
Jacqui Baker, Director of Children's Ministries  
Leno Mancilla, Property Manager  
George Pliler, Endowment Administrator  
Billie Padgett, Office Volunteer Coordinator

## VESTRY

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden  
Robert Maly, Junior Warden  
Andrew Snell, Treasurer  
Tricha Wilcox, Clerk of the Vestry

### Class of 2017

Christy Collins, Karen Frith, Robert Maly, Bryan Wilks

### Class of 2018

Spencer Alford, Kathy Gray, Christine Prior, Gayland Rushing

### Class of 2019

Brenda Alexander, Linda Leath, Cherry Sikes, Jack Welge

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



House of Hope for women is a faith-based program dedicated to helping women from all walks of life with a variety of needs. Their

mission is to be a place for women and their children to come in out of the weather, eat a hot meal, and rest as they receive ministry from the Word of God. House of Hope provides and operates a safe house for women in need of emergency and residential shelter.

*"It is our sincere desire to minister to the spiritual needs of women while meeting their physical needs. We pray the decisions they make today will be for a better life, based on the hope they have today, not based on yesterday's circumstances, where decisions were made from broken hearts, shattered dreams and lost hope."*

To Learn more about the ministry of House of Hope, visit their website at [www.ahopeforwomen.com](http://www.ahopeforwomen.com)

## It's no secret!

It's almost time to elect four new Vestry members and our Diocesan Convention delegates!

It's an honor, some work, but lots of fun and very rewarding! STEP UP – Let Dr. Hughes or any Vestry member of your interest for more information.

Election will be at the Annual Meeting in January!

## WE NEED YOU!!!



## COMPLINE

Sunday, December 10 • 8:30 PM

Come and join us for thirty minutes of beautiful music and peaceful meditation in the quiet, darkened nave of Trinity Church.

## Trinity Church to Host

## Pine Tree High School Choir in Christmas Concert

**BILL BANE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES**

On Tuesday, December 5th, the Christmas season musical experience will continue as we welcome the Pine Tree High School choir in their annual Christmas Choral Concert. Under the direction of Danielle Warren, the choir will perform seasonal favorites. Trinity Church has hosted the Pine Tree choir for the past five years, and has enjoyed wonderful music as part of each concert.



It is a special joy to host this concert each year, as it opens the doors of Trinity up to a much broader population of folks, many of whom don't know we exist. Parents and families of these students marvel at the beauty of the church and appreciate the excellent acoustics that the building affords to the sound of the choir. As well, the students love performing at Trinity and look forward to it every year.

Won't you come and enjoy the gorgeous music of this local high school choir at this most wonderful time of the year?

**PINE TREE HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**December 5th • 7:00 PM**



## DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THIS MONTH

#### DECEMBER 1 - Friday

Service of Lessons and Carols  
7:30 PM, Nave

#### DECEMBER 3 - Sunday

Kids' Club  
5:30 PM, Education Wing

Youth Ice Skating and  
Christmas Lights

5:00 PM, Marshall

#### DECEMBER 5 - Tuesday

Pine Tree HS Christmas Concert  
7:00 PM, Nave

#### DECEMBER 10 - Sunday

Youth Advent Bible Study  
5:00 PM, Youth Room

Trinity Veteran's Outreach  
5:30 PM, Parish Hall

Service of Compline  
8:30 PM, Nave

#### DECEMBER 11 - Monday

Daughters of the King  
5:30 PM, Parish Hall

#### DECEMBER 12 - Tuesday

Senior Men's Dinner  
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

#### DECEMBER 14 - Thursday

TST La Posada Service  
6:00 PM, Nave

#### DECEMBER 17 - Sunday

Hanging of the Greens  
12:00 PM, Nave

Children's Christmas  
Pageant Rehearsal  
12:00 PM, Nave

#### DECEMBER 19 - Tuesday

Vestry Meeting  
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

### WEEKLY

#### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I  
9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
9:15 AM Adult Christian Ed  
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School  
9:15 AM Youth Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

#### TUESDAYS

Toastmasters International  
12:00 PM, Coffee Café

#### Overeater's Anonymous

5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe

#### WEDNESDAYS

Holy Eucharist  
12:15 PM, Nave

#### Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Room

#### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Room

### MONTHLY

#### MONDAYS

St. Monday's  
11:30 AM, First Monday of month

#### Daughters of the King

5:30 PM, Second Sunday of month

#### TUESDAYS

Senior Men's Dinner  
6:00 PM, Second Tuesday of month

#### Vestry Meeting

6:00 PM, Third Tuesday of month

### UPCOMING

#### JANUARY 6, 2018 - Saturday

Epiphany Bonfire  
5:30 PM, Trinity Outreach Center

Come join in the fun as we welcome the season of Epiphany with a roaring fire, hot dogs, and hot chocolate.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jean Hill (12/1)  
Dana Walters (12/1)  
Lisa Yarbrough (12/1)  
Robert Maly (12/2)  
Andrew Collette (12/04)  
Sam Clark (12/6)  
Mason Frith (12/7)  
Debra McLemore (12/9)  
Sue Clark (12/11)  
Dennis Smith (12/12)  
Ella Stevens (12/12)  
Doradel Wylie (12/14)

Ava Welge (12/15)  
Dorothy Skeans (12/18)  
Ethel Branch (12/19)  
Art Machin (12/21)  
Lisa McPhee (12/22)  
Dot Fricks (12/23)  
John Jenkins (12/23)  
Delfina Whitwell (12/23)  
Nika Sloan (12/27)  
Tovah Robertson (12/28)  
Cherry Sikes (12/30)

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



**DECEMBER 24 - Sunday**  
Christmas Eve Family Service  
5:30 PM, Nave

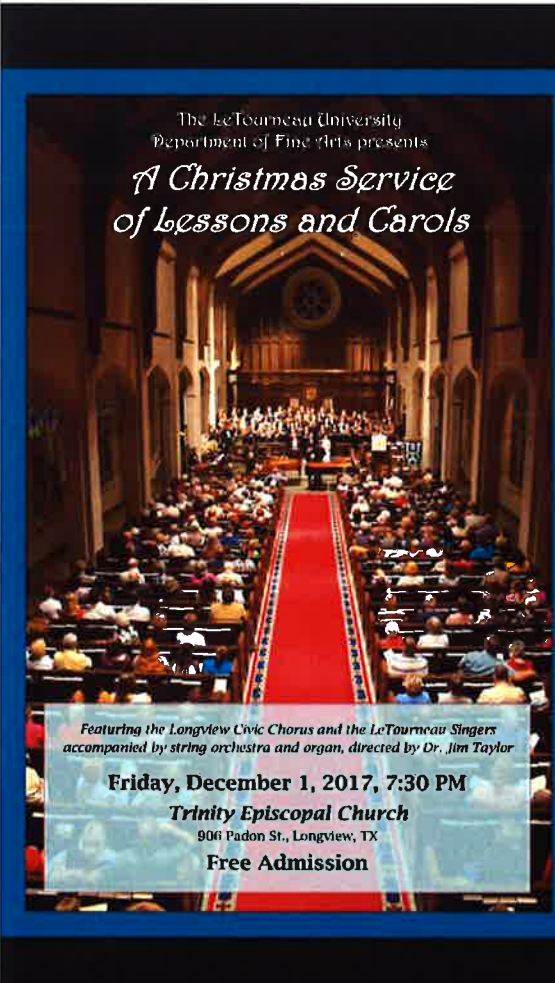
Christmas Eve Traditional  
Candlelight Service  
10:30 PM, Nave



**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Immediately following  
10:30 AM Service.



The LeTourneau University  
Department of Fine Arts presents

*A Christmas Service  
of Lessons and Carols*

Featuring the Longview Civic Chorus and the LeTourneau Singers  
accompanied by string orchestra and organ, directed by Dr. Jim Taylor

**Friday, December 1, 2017, 7:30 PM**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
906 Padon St., Longview, TX  
**Free Admission**

# UPCOMING ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Taught by Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector

## The Vision of Amos

January 24—March 14, 2018

Please join us for soup and supper on these Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Soups will be made by those who sign up, and you are asked to bring a side dish, such as a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert. The class will begin at 6:30 and will end at 7:15 p.m. Please bring an accurate, modern translation of the Bible.



- January 24th "The Law, the Prophets, and the Writings":  
Studying the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- January 31st The Enemies of the Northern Kingdom of Israel  
Amos 1:1—2:5
- February 7th "Therefore I Will Punish You"  
Amos 2:6—3:15
- February 14th The Sins of Ancient Israel  
Amos 4:1—5:27
- February 21st "Alas for Those Who Are At Ease in Zion"  
Amos 6:1-14
- February 28th The First Four Visions of Amos  
Amos 7:1—8:3
- March 7th Judgment Speeches Against Israel  
The Fifth Vision of Amos  
Amos 8:4—9:10
- March 14th An Oracle of the Restoration of Israel  
What do we Christians do with the Prophet Amos?  
Amos 9:11-15



## The Gospel According to Mark

A study of the Gospel According to Mark begins on Wednesday evenings in January, February, and March 2018. This class will be held from 9:15 to 10:00 AM on the days listed below. We will meet in the Parish Hall for our class. Please bring your friends and an accurate, modern translation of the Bible if you have one. Please read the passages indicated below before class on the Sundays listed.

- January 14 How to study the Gospels: Resources
- January 21 Introducing the Gospel according to Mark Mark 1:1-15
- January 28 Annual Meeting
- February 4 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee Mark 1:16-3:6
- February 11 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee Mark 3:7-4:34
- February 18 Miracle Stories Mark 4:35-6:56
- February 25 Defilement and More Miracle Stories Mark 7:1-8:26
- March 4 Predictions of the Passion Mark 8:27-10:52
- March 11 Jesus in Jerusalem Mark 11:1-13:37
- March 18 Passion, Death, Resurrection of Jesus Christ Mark 14:1-16-8

## THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

What, When & Why

You are invited to join other members of our parish for a study of *The Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church. The Prayer Book has a rich history, from the Church of England's Prayer Books of 1549, 1552, 1559, and 1662, to the American Prayer Books, culminating in the current Prayer Book of 1979. There have been many changes in the Prayer Books because there have been many changes in society and the church's self-understanding.

Dr. Hughes will focus in this class on how we got the current Prayer Book, our understanding of the Holy Eucharist, our practice of Morning and Evening Prayer, and on our understanding of what Baptism is, as well as the five sacramental rites (Confirmation, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Marriage, Ordination, and Anointing of the Sick). At the final class session on January 7, 2018, Dr. Hughes will teach how the Bible is used in our services of worship.

### January 26th

#### The Book of Common Prayer and its Revisions

- What Archbishop Thomas Cranmer Did
- The Lambeth Conference Report from 1958
- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
- The current Book of Common Prayer (1979)
- Revisions Ahead? General Convention in 2018

### December 3rd • The Holy Eucharist

- The Liturgical Movement of the 19th Century: Back to the Middle Ages
- Liturgical Movement of the 20th Century: Back to the Early Church
- The Structure of the Eucharist in the Early Church
- Anglican Belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

### December 10th • The Daily Office

- The Hours of Prayer in the Medieval Church:
- Prime, Lauds, Terce, Sext, Nones, Vespers, Compline
- Archbishop Cranmer's Revision of the Breviary:
- Matins and Evensong, later Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
- Daily Prayer for All Seasons

### December 17th • Other Sacraments and Sacramental Rites

- Baptism: No Longer a Pastoral Office
- Confirmation: A "Mature Public Affirmation"
- The Reconciliation of a Penitent
- The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage
- The Ordination of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons
- Anointing of the Sick

### January 7th • The Bible in the Prayer Book

- Yes, We Do Read from the Apocrypha
- The Daily Office Lectionary
- Action of General Convention of 2006 (Resolution A077)
- The Revised Common Lectionary, Episcopal Edition



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**

Hanging of the Greens - 12:00 PM

**SUNDAY, 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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

Christmas Day "Said" Service - 10:30 AM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

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 [tbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:tbaker@trinityparish.org). The suggested donation is \$25 but no gift is too small or too large. The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, December 19th**. Your gift will glorify God and add to the beauty of our Christmas worship.





Thanks to the generosity of Trinity members, the youth were able to pack an abundant number of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Trinity Youth teamed up with First Christian Youth to pack, organize, and make ready the shipment of shoe boxes that will be distributed to children all over the world. Amazingly, some of these children are receiving a gift for the first time in their life. Even the smallest item, such as a bar of soap, can mean so much to children in need. Because Operation Christmas Child has been sending boxes since 1993, we are hearing from adults who received boxes as children and the impact that it made on their lives. Just a simple gift has changed the hearts of many who are now in ministry due to the amazement in which someone cared enough to send a gift. Each box carries the message of the love of Christ that cannot be measured.

This is one of my favorite ministries because even countries who do not allow Christian missionaries to come do allow these boxes to be delivered, and with each box comes the opportunity for them to learn about the love of Jesus. Collection week is the third week in November every year and sometimes Operation Christmas Child sneaks up on us because it is before Thanksgiving. Due to this, I will be keeping a drop off box in my office all year for you to make your donations! **This allows you to take advantage of clearance items that you may come across during the year.** If you are interested in knowing more about this amazing ministry, please contact me or go to [samaritanaspurse.org](http://samaritanaspurse.org) and thank you again for all of your support! *Rae Dickson*

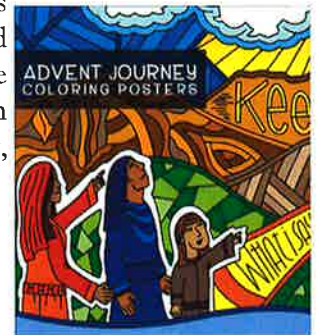
## Children's Ministry For December

JACQUI BAKER, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### ADVENT ANTICIPATION

The anticipation of the coming of Christ is made sweeter when it is shared with others. This year, we are going to celebrate the season of Advent as an intergenerational church community. Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, coloring posters will be set out in Guild Hall during the Coffee Hour. These posters are designed to walk us through each week of Advent through Epiphany with their thought provoking pictures and Scripture verses. Take the time to pick up a marker and experience the story of God made Flesh in a new and refreshing way. You may find yourself coloring next to someone from a different generation. Please take that opportunity to engage them in conversation about what you or they are noticing in the picture. Not only will you build community, but you just might spark a curiosity of faith in the person next to you!

*If you wish to continue this experience and conversation in your home around your family Advent Wreath, you can pick up the Coloring Pages along with the Devotional Guide at the back of the Nave and in the church office beginning December 3rd, the First Sunday in Advent.*



### Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant is a fun program for both our children and congregation alike...and it's just around the corner! Any child from 0 years-5th grade is invited to participate. There are non-speaking character roles as well as reading roles available.

(Costumes are provided.)

We will have a quick rehearsal right after the 10:30 AM service on December 17th. If you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew who would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant, please contact Jacqui Baker at [jbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:jbaker@trinityparish.org) or 903-753-3366, ext. 15



# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of December – Lectionary Year B

Date	<b>December 3</b> The First Sunday of Advent	<b>December 10</b> The Second Sunday of Advent	<b>December 17</b> The Third Sunday of Advent	<b>December 24</b> The Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>December 31</b> The First Sunday After Christmas
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 I Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 8:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 I Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7 John 1:1-18
Altar Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Sticher Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
Verger	J. Barbe	C. Collins	T. Prior	M. Abernathy	S. Alford
Coffee Hour	P. Charles	D. Whitwell	E. Campbell	L. Leath	D. Rushing
Flower Delivery	J. Walters C. Wilks	L. Leath D & T Skeans	C. Prior M. Arnold	J. Walters C. Wilks	
Early Service					
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pfler	E. Campbell M. Pfler	E. Campbell M. Pfler	E. Campbell M. Pfler	E. Campbell M. Pfler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	Lindsey Team	Charles Team
Acolyte	T. Gignilliat	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	L. Snider	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	J. Welge G. Rushing	L. Snider B. Charles	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	B. Charles G. Rushing	J. Welge G. McWhorter
L. E. M.	J. Welge G. Rushing	L. Snider B. Charles	J. Hall G. McWhorter	B. Charles G. Rushing	J. Welge G. McWhorter
Late Service					
Ushers	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team
Greeters	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2		Team 3
Lay Readers 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	V. Boaz H. Bane	Z. Brown D. Conrad	J. Sloan S. Thomas	S. York R. McPhee	L. Sticher V. Boaz
L. E. M.	H. Barth J. Sawyer V. Boaz	A. Robertson S. York D. Conrad	J. Sloan H. Barth A. Robertson	S. York J. Fowler J. Sawyer	D. Conrad H. Barth V. Boaz
L. E. V.	J. Hall K. Hall		C. Collins M. Arnold		J. Mraz N. Collins

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Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year!

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# December EYC Activities

December 3rd - Ice Skating and Christmas Lights in Marshall

December 10th - Youth Advent Bible Study

December 17th -31st, No Activities - Merry Christmas!

For more information, call Rae Dickson @ 903-241-2399 or visit our facebook page @

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL YOUTH MINISTRY**

## Usher Team Schedule Change

We have re-appointed our ushers into different teams. If you have questions about your team or when to serve, please contact Brenda Alexander at (903) 297-0806 or (903) 452-8243.

If you would like to serve as an usher, we always need you! Please contact Brenda Alexander for more information!



THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL

