



The Trumpet

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“On the Twelfth Day of Christmas”

As many of you are aware, I border on being a Pharisee when it comes to the strict observance of the Advent season. So after hanging the greens at the church on the last Sunday of Advent we went home and decorated our Christmas tree. Well, to be fair, Pamela decorated the tree while I took my Sunday afternoon nap.

We then began our reflection on the Christmas season at Trinity's *Contemplative Christmas*. *Contemplative Christmas* was a series of prayer stations set up in the nave to assist participants in a prayerful reflection on the meaning of Christmas. Tim Baker did an excellent job in the creation of these prayer stations accompanied by meditative music. If you missed out on *Contemplative Christmas* this year I would encourage you to make every effort possible to participate next year.

On our drive home from the church, Pamela and I reflected on how much we

treasure celebrating Christmas according to a different calendar - the liturgical calendar. I know it's not for everyone but it is a true blessing for us. I want to share with you what we have found to be the blessings.

By delaying our



celebration of Christmas to Christmas Day and the twelve days of Christmas, we get to reflect on Christmas apart from the frantic pace of pre-Christmas shopping. Since we buy our tree later than most, we are able to enjoy its beauty during the twelve days of Christmas as the wise men traverse from one side of our living room to the other where our nativity scene sits.

Celebrating the twelve days of Christmas also keeps us

connected with the under-appreciated Feast Day of Epiphany, January 6th - the traditional day celebrating the visitation of the infant Jesus by the wise men. This is also the day on which Orthodox Christianity celebrates Christmas. In celebrating this special Feast Day we join Orthodox Christians around the world in once again celebrating the mystery of the Word made flesh.

Come join us on Epiphany night, January 6th as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We will gather at the Trinity Outreach Center for an Epiphany bonfire as we burn the Christmas trees that have decorated our homes. Food and fellowship will abound as we celebrate on this twelfth night of Christmas.

I'm not saying celebrating Christmas according to a different calendar is for everybody, but as the old saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it."

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Longview Community Ministries was formed in 1983 to serve Longview residents in need by providing temporary assistance to relieve suffering and/or prevent homelessness. Longview Community Ministries meets these needs in many ways: cooked meals delivered to the homebound, computer skills; free coats and jeans in the fall for youth; emergency medical assistance; and help for those in crisis with emergency rent or groceries. This ministry serves as an organization to enable Longview congregations and groups to work together more effectively in the community through cooperative acts of service to assist persons in need regardless of race, religion, or creed. What a wonderful ministry in the midst of the Longview community.

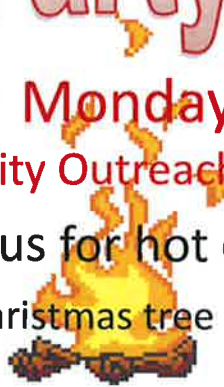
Epiphany Party and Bonfire

6:00 PM • Monday, January 6th

Trinity Outreach Center



Come join us for hot dogs and chips
Bring your old Christmas tree to add to the bonfire!



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26 • 9:00 AM

PARISH HALL

All baptized members of Trinity Church are invited to attend this important event

Longview Community Ministries Food Needs for January

peanut butter, mac & cheese, crackers, and canned fruit

Please bring these items and leave them in the baskets in the rear of the nave

Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
8:30 PM

Youth News

**Youth Back to School
Field Day**

Sunday, Jan 12th • 12:00 PM

**Youth Guys/Girls
Small Groups**

Sunday, Jan 26th • 5:30 PM

Kindle the Epiphany Fire

The Epiphany celebration remembers the miracle of the birth of Christ manifested to the wise men. The name "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, and means "to show, make known, or reveal." The celebration on January 6th originated in the Eastern Church in AD 361, beginning as a commemoration of the birth of Christ. We kindle the Epiphany Fire as a remembrance and celebration of God's revelation of Christ as the "Light of the World."

On this night we also bless chalk. The chalk is a sacramental sign, intended for the blessings of homes. In lieu of a priest blessing the home a member of the family marks the year and the initials of the three Magi (Gaspar, Melchoir and Balthasar) on the lintel of the main door. The prayer for blessing a home is said as the lintel of the main door is marked. The lintel is marked as follows: 20 + G + M + B + 14

Baptism Sunday



**Sunday, January 5
10:30 AM Service**

If you or someone you know is desiring baptism, please call Fr. Kevin in the church office at (903) 753-3366

Children's Ministry

Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 AM. We will be following some of the lessons posed on the following website: Episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons.

Children's Church will follow the Godly Play curriculum. We also need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings during children's church. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Tisha Grotemat at (903) 617-7899.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Resumes January 22 • 6:00 PM at Mi Casita

Come join us for good food, your favorite beverage and engaging conversation.

December was a very busy month. We did a lot of special activities with Trinity School. On December 6th, we celebrated Saint Nicholas Day, with Bishop Jeff Fisher as our special guest for that day. He taught on the history of Saint Nicholas. His talk was both entertaining and enlightening! Afterward, we collected coins that the children brought to donate toward American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The total raised was \$124.80! Way to go, kids!! The church also gifted each two year old through 5th grade teacher with a daily devotional for their classroom.



Happy Birthday

1/01	Lucy Germany	1/09	Troy Owen	1/26	Kandie Mitchell
1/01	Billy Vaticalos	1/11	Elisa Collins	1/26	Rachel Lynn Harless
1/02	Lisa Baker	1/15	Timothy Holman	1/27	Esther Frier
1/03	Graham Godfrey	1/16	Vernon Moore	1/27	Cashion Sikes
1/04	Lynne Sticher	1/17	Andee Lucas	1/28	John Michael Clark
1/05	Doug Sapp	1/18	Alan Jones	1/28	Marianne Harkrider
1/07	Mary Scott	1/23	Richard Mettle	1/29	Ann Jones
1/08	Pamela Davis	1/23	David Baker	1/31	Brenda Alexander
1/09	Patsy Machin	1/24	Jaclyn Martin		

Happy Anniversary

1/12	Jack & Carolyn McIlhenny
1/19	Ted & Dorothy Skeans

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of January – Lectionary Year A

Date	January 5 th 2nd Sunday of Christmas	January 12 th First Sunday after Epiphany	January 19 th Second Sunday after Epiphany	January 26 th Third Sunday of Epiphany	February 2 nd Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Verger	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe
Acolytes					
8:00 10:30	T. Gignilliat Team 2	B. Charles Team 3	T. Gignilliat Team 1	G. Hoover Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3
Lay Readers					
8:00	L. Snider J. Hall	J. Sloan B. Charles	B. Charles G. Rushing	G. McWhorter G. Hoover	J. Hall J. Sloan
10:30	K. Sparks N. Collins	N. Collins C. Collins	J. Sawyer A. Sharp	L. Sticher B. Charles	Z. Brown J. Fowler
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Jer. 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ep. 1:3-6, 15-19a Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23	Isaiah 42:1-9 Ps 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matt. 3:13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 I Cor. 1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Ps 27: 1, 5-13 1 Cor. 1:10-18 Matt. 4:12-23	Micah 6:1-8 Ps15 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Matt. 5:1-12
L. E. M.					
8:00	L. Snider J. Hall	J. Sloan B. Charles	B. Charles G. Rushing	G. McWhorter G. Hoover	J. Hall J. Sloan
10:30	G. McWhorter J. Hall	J. Fowler G. McWhorter	J. Sawyer J. Fowler	B. Charles J. Hall	J. Fowler J. Sawyer
Altar Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
Usher	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
Greeters	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
L. E. V.	M. Arnold L. Leath		D. Conrad L. Leath		B. Charles J. Mraz
Parish Security	T. Kirkindoll	D. Sapp	J. Crittenden	D. Tracy	G. Piller
Vestry Counters					
8:00	D. Rushing E. Campbell	E. McClure B. Charles	E. Campbell B. Charles	D. Balliett E. McClure	TBD TBD
10:30	C. Alford T. Holman	C. Alford S. Clark	C. Alford S. Jones	S. Clark N. Collins	TBD TBD
Flower Delivery	Z. Brown B. Singer	D. Fricks C. Wilks	E. Cargill J. Walters	B. Crittenden E. McClure	M. Arnold E. McClure
Coffee Hour	L. Leath	T. Godsey	Men of Trinity	P. Tracy	TBD

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OFFICES CLOSED No Noonday Service Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Regular Sunday Schedule Baptism Sunday 10:30 AM Service	6 6:00 PM Epiphany Bonfire Trinity Outreach Center 	7	8 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	10	11
12 Regular Sunday Schedule 12:00 PM Youth Back To School Field Day 8:30 PM Compline	13 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center 5:30 PM DOK	14 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	15 12:15 PM Noonday Prayer 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	16 4:15 PM East Texas Children's Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	17	18
19 Regular Sunday Schedule	20 OFFICES CLOSED Martin Luther King Day 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	21 6:00 PM Vestry	22 10:00 AM Trinity School Holy Eucharist Service 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	23 4:15 PM East Texas Children's Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	24	25
26 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 ANNUAL MEETING Parish Hall Youth Help Serve at Martha's Kitchen 5:30 PM Youth Guys/ Girls Small Groups	27 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	28	29 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Theology on Tap 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	30 4:15 PM East Texas Children's Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 PM Tai Chi Outreach Center	31	
<p><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

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January Special Events

5th	Baptism Sunday, 10:30 AM Service, Nave
6th	Epiphany Bonfire, 5:30 PM, Trinity Outreach Center
12th	Youth Back to School Field Day , 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
12th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
13th	Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
14th	Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
22th	Theology on Tap, 6:00 PM, Mi Casita Restaurant (Every Wednesday)
26th	Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Meeting, 9:00 AM, Parish Hall

February Special Events

3rd	St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
3rd	Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
9th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
11th	Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
16th	Youth Hang Time, 6:00 PM, Outreach Center
21st	Bach's Lunch (Bill Bane Performing), 12:20 PM, Nave
23rd	Youth Boy's/Girl's Small Groups, 5:30 AM, Youth Room
27th	East Texas Children's Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave