



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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## LET'S BUILD SOMETHING GREAT TOGETHER

Over the past few months we have prayed as a congregation; "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." The fruition of that prayer has been worked out by a number of parishioners as we discerned Trinity's core values, mission statement and in the month of December a strategic plan for the coming years.

This past month the Long Range Planning Committee gathered with our church consultants Molly Carnes and David Bollinger to flesh out six major objectives for Trinity to accomplish in the next one to three years. The task of the committee was to edit the objectives for clarity and determine the metrics by which each objective could be measured to determine our success in meeting the objective. It was the discernment of the committee that

one of the objectives needed to be divided into two objectives.

Over the next few weeks individuals who are part of the Long Range Planning Committee will be enlisting church members to be part of teams tasked with meeting each of the seven objectives. Each team leader is excited about the work that is



before them but they can't do it without the broad support of church members.

The church has been described as a football game where 50,000 people desperately in need of exercise are watching 11 people desperately in need of rest. Of course, we aren't going to let the leaders of each of these teams rest, but they do need your participation in each of these teams. We can't meet each of

these objectives without your active participation.

Over the past few months we have prayed for God's discernment for our future and God has answered those prayers. Now, I ask your prayers for two things in particular. Pray that God will give us the will to accomplish the tasks that have now been set before us. I love the General Thanksgiving prayer from our Book of Common Prayer on page 836 which reads, "We thank you [Lord] for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delights us."

Second, pray that God would reveal what part God has for you to play in our success. In this Christmas season remember the words of Philips Brooks who penned, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. "Faith does not come from sitting in the pew, but from attempting something so great that there is no way to accomplish it without God's help." Let's build something great together.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer | 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 2016</u>        | <u>Class of 2017</u> | <u>Class of 2018</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Harry Barth                 | Christy Collins      | Spencer Alford       |
| John Hall                   | Karen Frith          | Kathy Gray           |
| Kim Howard                  | Robert Maly          | Christine Prior      |
| Ava Welge                   | Bryan Wilks          | Gayland Rushing      |
| Senior Warden, John Hall    |                      |                      |
| Junior Warden, Robert Maly  |                      |                      |
| Treasurer, Andrew Snell     |                      |                      |
| Clerk of the Vestry, Vacant |                      |                      |

## 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.

## TRINITY VETERAN'S OUTREACH

Trinity Veterans Outreach and the Senior Men's Group enjoyed a combined meeting in December 2016 for a delightful evening of fellowship, prayer and breaking bread. We were treated to shrimp gumbo entrée, West Indies salad, garlic bread, two fancy tossed green salads, American Flag draped cake, brownies, and ice cream. During the meal, folks were invited to address complimentary Christmas cards with a personal message from a member of Trinity's congregation, to be sent to the three active duty servicemen listed in our Sunday Service Bulletin. At the conclusion we shared a shortened version of Compline.

Our next Veteran's meeting will be Sunday, January 8, 2017 in Guild Hall from 5:30-6:30pm. The director of this meeting will be Travis Prior. **Happy New Year to everyone!**

## 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 8**

## Service of Holy Baptism

**Wednesday  
January 11th  
12:15 PM**



## YOUTH STUDY

The Trinity Youth will begin a book study on **Pilgrim's Progress** in January. Pilgrim's Progress is an allegorical tale of the Christian journey as we travel to the Celestial City. It was written in the 1600s and is an immortal classic of struggle and truth that is still applicable today.

**WHEN: 5:30 PM • January 15th & January 29th  
February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26th.**

**WHERE: YOUTH ROOM**

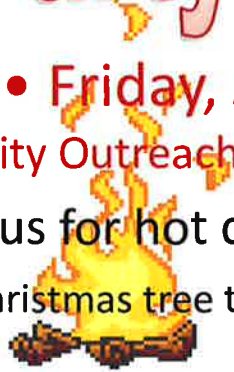
# Epiphany Party and Bonfire

6:00 PM • Friday, January 6th

Trinity Outreach Center

Come join us for hot dogs and chips

Bring your old Christmas tree to add to the bonfire!



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## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22nd • 9:15 AM

PARISH HALL

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

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### December Vestry Report

After opening with prayer for a number of needs, the vestry approved the minutes from the November Vestry meeting. Andrew Snell, our Treasurer gave a quick review of the financials noting a significant loss in the month of November. The loss can chiefly be attributed to a \$14,609 shortage in pledge income for the month. Fr. Kevin pointed out that year to date there are a number of pledges that have not been paid as of the vestry meeting. Discussion followed as to whether this was a reflection of the economy or whether the church might expect an inflow of cash in the month of December as people meet their pledge commitments. This is the first time in Fr. Kevin's tenure that he can remember this significant of a short fall.

The wardens reported the successful completion of the repairs to the heating system in the Sunday

School building. It was also reported that a number of light bulbs had been replaced in the nave in preparation for the Christmas services. Fr. Kevin gave a report on the Stewardship drive for this year. Members of the vestry were given the names of families that as of the vestry meeting had not returned pledge cards. They were encouraged to call those families to ascertain whether they would be pledging in the coming year. Fr. Kevin reported that he had done some analysis of the current year's giving and that almost thirty percent of Trinity's families give \$100 or less toward the operating budget.

A first draft of the 2017 budget was reviewed by the vestry. Expenses in the budget are essentially the same as last year's budget. Fr. Kevin said that he doesn't see where any significant cuts can be made in the budget without seriously impairing the ministry offered at Trinity. Most of the staff are doing work beyond their job descriptions in

order to run as lean an operation as possible. Without an increase in the pledge income we will have a large deficit budget for 2017. Conversation followed as how to address this deficit. Additional efforts will be made toward increasing pledge income but if unsuccessful the church may have to draw on funds from the Endowment.

The last item of business was discussion of nominations for vestry. Fr. Kevin reported that of the people contacted to run for vestry only two agreed to offer their names for consideration. Fr. Kevin expressed his deep frustration at what appears to be a unwillingness of people to serve on the vestry after repeated efforts to find candidates. He then charged the members of the vestry to make every effort to find other individuals to run for vestry. In spite of a meeting with very difficult topics, the vestry adjourned to the home of John and Karen Hall for a wonderful Christmas party.

If your family Christmas gathering was anything like mine (Fr. Kevin) it was pleasant but not particularly enlightening. Maybe you played some family board games or watched a movie or football game, but did you get to know each other any better? Or, for those of you who have children or grandchildren, did they have the opportunity to get to know you better, learn about the things that shaped your life? More than likely, they didn't. Brendon Burchard, motivational speaker and life coach, suggests the following exercise as a means of getting to know your parents or grandparents story better: interview them. Below are 32 questions Burchard suggest you ask them. Maybe you won't want to use all of the questions but they sure are a good start. He also suggests you record them to make an oral history of the interview. I can't wait for the next time I get together with my family to try this.

1. What comes to mind when you think about growing up in [hometown]?
2. What did you love to do as a kid, before high school?
3. What did you love to do in high school?
4. What do remember most about your teenage years?
5. What do you remember most about your mom (grandma)?
6. What was most important to her?
7. What do you remember most about your dad (grandpa)?
8. What was most important to him?
9. If grandma and grandpa had a message to you and their grandchildren, what do you think it is?
10. How did you meet [spouse] and know (s)he was the one?
11. How did you choose your career and what was your favorite part about it?
12. What made you successful at work?
13. What did you believe about yourself that helped you become successful and deal with hard times?
14. What times in your life truly "tested your mettle," and what did you learn about yourself by dealing (or not dealing) with them?
15. What three events most shaped your life?
16. What do you remember about when each of us was born?
17. Were you ever scared to be a parent?
18. What three words would you say represented your approach to parenting and why?
19. When you think about [sibling] how would you describe him?
20. What message do you have for [sibling] that you want him to always keep in mind?  
[Do the last two questions above for each sibling in your family]
21. When you think about [spouse], how would you describe her/him?
22. What message do you have for [spouse] that you want her/him to always keep in mind?
23. What three words would you say best describe who you tried to be in life and how you want to be remembered?
24. When they think about their careers, what do you want your children to focus on?
25. What have you learned about other people in life? (trustworthy, kind or not and mean)?
26. What do you think the world needs more of right now?
27. What do you believe people want the most in life?
28. What were the three best decisions you've ever made?
29. What are you most proud of in life?
30. What were five of the most positive moments of your life?
31. What message would you like to share with your family?
32. What are you most thankful for?



# JANUARY 2017

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday*

|      |                |      |                 |      |                    |
|------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 1/02 | Lisa Baker     | 1/09 | Troy Owen       | 1/24 | Jaclyn Abernathy   |
| 1/03 | Graham Godfrey | 1/11 | Elisa Collins   | 1/26 | Matthew Jenkins    |
| 1/04 | Lynne Sticher  | 1/13 | Hunter Grotemat | 1/27 | Esther Frier       |
| 1/05 | Doug Sapp      | 1/14 | Nadean Baxter   | 1/27 | Cashion Sikes      |
| 1/07 | Mary Scott     | 1/15 | Timothy Holman  | 1/28 | John Michael Clark |
| 1/08 | Pamela Davis   | 1/16 | Vernon Moore    | 1/28 | Marianne Harkrider |
| 1/08 | Jack Thorson   | 1/18 | Alan Jones      | 1/29 | Ann Jones          |
| 1/08 | Luke Thorson   | 1/23 | Richard Mettle  | 1/30 | Billy Vaticalos    |
| 1/09 | John Darby     | 1/23 | David Baker     | 1/31 | Brenda Alexander   |
| 1/09 | Patsy Machin   | 1/24 | Jaclyn Martin   |      |                    |

### *Happy Anniversary*

1/19 Ted & Dorothy Skeans

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of January – Lectionary Year A

| Date  | January 1<br>The Feast Day<br>Of<br>The Holy Name             | January 8<br>The 1st<br>Sunday<br>After Epiphany              | January 15<br>The 2nd<br>Sunday<br>After Epiphany              | January 22<br>The 3rd<br>Sunday<br>After Epiphany                     | January 29<br>The 4th<br>Sunday<br>After Epiphany           |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| First Reading<br>Psalm<br>Second Reading<br>Gospel                  | Numbers 6:22-27<br>Psalm 8<br>Galatians 4:4-7<br>Luke 2:15-21 | Isaiah 42:1-9<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 10:34-43<br>Matthew 3:13-17 | Isaiah 49:1-7<br>Psalm 40:1-12<br>1 Cor. 1:1-9<br>John 1:29-42 | Isaiah 9:1-4<br>Psalm 27:1, 5-13<br>1 Cor. 1:10-18<br>Matthew 4:12-23 | Micah 6:1-8<br>Psalm 15<br>1 Cor. 1:18-31<br>Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Altar Team  | Crittenden Team   | Mann Team   | Baker Team   | Collins Team  | Campbell Team   |
| Verger  | S. Alford   | J. Barbe  | C. Collins   | M. Wilks  | S. Alford   |
| Coffee Hour   | L. Leath  | K. Hall   | S. French  | J. Thomas   | B. Todd   |
| Flower Delivery   | No Delivery   | K. Frith<br>C. Prior  | K. Frith<br>M. Arnold  | K. Frith<br>J. Barth  | K. Frith<br>B. Crittenden                                   |
| Early Service   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Ushers  | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliier                                      | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliier                                      | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliier                                       | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliier  | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliier                                    |
| Greeters  | Charles Team  | Maly Team   | Charles Team   | McWhorter Team  | Charles Team  |
| Acolyte   | T. Gignilliat   | B. Charles  | T. Gignilliat  | N. Collins  | T. Gignilliat   |
| Lay Readers<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reader<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | L. Snider<br>J. Welge   | G. McWhorter<br>B. Charles                                    | J. Welge<br>J. Hall  | B. Charles<br>N. Collins  | G. Rushing<br>J. Welge                                      |
| L. E. M.  | L. Snider<br>J. Welge   | G. McWhorter<br>B. Charles                                    | J. Welge<br>J. Hall  | B. Charles<br>N. Collins  | G. Rushing<br>J. Welge                                      |
| Late Service  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Ushers  | Thorson Team  | Crittenden Team   | Jones Team   | Kirkindoll Team   | Thorson Team  |
| Greeters  | Kirkindoll Team   | Gray Team   | Skeans Team  | Barbe Team  | Kirkindoll Team   |
| Acolytes  | Team 3  | Team 1  | Team 2   | Team 3  | Team 1  |
| Lay Readers<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reader<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | R. McPhee<br>J. Sawyer  | S. Thomas<br>S. York  | L. Sticher<br>J. Sloan   | C. Prior<br>H. Barth  | Z. Brown<br>D. Conrad                                       |
| L. E. M.  | No L.E.M.   | H. Barth<br>S. York<br>V. Boaz                                | A. Robertson<br>J. Sloan<br>G. McWhorter                       | H. Barth<br>G. Rushing<br>J. Hall                                     | N. Collins<br>D. Conrad<br>A. Robertson                     |
| L. E. V.  |   | J. Mraz<br>N. Collins   |  | L. Leath<br>C. Collins  |   |

# January 2017

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri  | Sat |
|--|---|--|--|-----|--|-----|
| <p>1</p> <p>10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols</p>  | 2   | 3  | <p>4</p> <p>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>  | 5   | <p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Epiphany Bonfire<br/>Trinity Outreach Center</p>  | 7   |
| <p>8</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p> <p>5:30 PM Veteran's Outreach</p> <p>8:30 PM Compline</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>5:30 PM Daughters of the King</p>                     | <p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner</p> | <p>11</p> <p>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist With Holy Baptism</p> <p>5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>   | 12  | 13   | 14  |
| <p>15</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p> <p>5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Study</p>                      | <p>16</p> <p><b>OFFICES CLOSED</b><br/>Martin Luther King Day</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM Vestry</p>              | <p>18</p> <p>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>   | 19  | 20   | 21  |
| <p>22</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p> <p><b>9:15 ANNUAL MEETING</b><br/>Parish Hall</p>   | 23  | 24   | <p>25</p> <p><b>NO 12:15 PM HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE</b></p> <p>5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>   | 26  | 27   | 28  |
| <p>29</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Study</p>  | 30  | 31   |  |     |  |     |
|  |   |  | <p><b>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00 AM Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Christian Education</p> <p>10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> |     |  |     |

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### January Special Events

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|------|---|
| 1st  | Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:30 AM Service (No Eucharist)<br>Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM service |
| 2nd  | <b>Offices Closed</b>   |
| 6th  | Epiphany Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast, 6:00 PM, Trinity Outreach Center                                |
| 11th | Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Service of Holy Baptism, 12:15 PM                                     |
| 16th | <b>Offices Closed</b> in honor of Martin Luther King Day  |
| 22nd | Annual Meeting, 9:15 AM, Parish Hall  |

### February Special Events

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|------|---|
| 6th  | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall                 |
| 28th | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |