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THE GREAT GIFT OF FREEDOM

A couple weeks ago Pamela and I were watching the TV broadcast of the 2016 Tony Awards. Well, to be more specific, we were watching the musical *Hamilton* cleanup at the Tony's. A few days later we watched a *60 Minutes* program on the creator of the musical, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and found that he was inspired to write the musical after reading Ron Chernow's *Alexander Hamilton*. Always looking for a non-work related good read for vacation and loving biographies, I remarked to Pamela that maybe I should pick up a copy of the book. Lo and behold what should I receive on Father's Day but a copy of the same said book.

I've only had the opportunity to read the first couple of chapters from Alexander Hamilton's boyhood in the West Indies to his arrival at King's College in New York, which would become Columbia University. He originally wanted to go to Princeton on an accelerated program. When Princeton (the Presbyterian college) denied him admission on an accelerated program, he chose King's College (the Anglican college). In only two chapters Hamilton is abandoned by his father, orphaned by his mother, and now enrolled in one of the most prestigious schools

in the American colonies.

Hamilton had escaped the poverty of his homeland and within two years of his arrival in New York was serving under the command of General George Washington, fighting for the independence of this country. As the history books have told us, Hamilton would become one of the most influential founding fathers of this new republic. Though he would never become president



he helped shape the banking system of our country and solidified the framework that would knit thirteen colonies into the United States of America. Like so many of our founding fathers and mothers, Hamilton risked his newly found personal freedom in order to secure the freedom of the nations. It is his sacrifice and the sacrifice of others that we celebrate this month on July 4th, Independence Day.

Freedom is a powerful gift, but also a dangerous gift. Will we use the gift of freedom for the

aggrandizement of ourselves or for the benefit of the common good? With our freedom we have the choice of whether to be selfish or selfless. St. Paul writes the following in his letter to the Galatians as he warns the Galatians not to forfeit their new found freedom in Christ. *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free....My brothers and sisters you were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" Galatians 5:1,13-14*

Whether as an individual or as a nation we must choose to use our freedom well. St. Paul warns us to not become entrapped once we have been set free. All around us people use their freedom only to follow the herd once again. As Christians we have been called to a different way of life. A life that is not caught up in mindless consumerism or personal indulgence but a life that serves *"one another humbly in love...loving our neighbor as ourselves."* As we celebrate the birth of this great nation let each of us give thanks for the freedom that has been given to us and then ask how we can pay that freedom forward by caring for others.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

VESTRY

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer | Rector | <u>Class of 2016</u> | <u>Class of 2017</u> | <u>Class of 2018</u> |
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Mission of the Month

Newgate Mission



INSPIRING HOPE

Newgate Mission exists to feed the people of God in mind, body and spirit. All of their ministries and services aim to meet the basic needs of our human condition, especially those affected by poverty. Newgate United Methodist Mission of Longview, Inc. began in 1990. While Newgate is a mission of the United Methodist denomination, it opens its doors to cross all denominational lines as we all participate together in God's mission. They also seek to collaborate with local community agencies who share their passion to love and serve our community. We are honored to support the work of this great ministry this month.

YOU'RE
INVITED

July 4th
Sunday Celebration

Sunday, July 3rd in the
Parish Hall immediately
following the 10:30 AM
Service

BBQ and chicken will be
provided. Please bring a friend,
and a side dish to share!

A Word about Stewardship from our Senior Warden

The stewardship committee met and has set dates for the fall Stewardship Campaign. As we prepare, let us keep in mind Deuteronomy 26:2: "You shall take some of the first of all fruit of the ground...and shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name."

Simple - profound - and very necessary. This ancient statement has been applied literally and symbolically for thousands of years. It is good for me, you, and all to give of their fruits, even their bounty.

Give prayerfully this year,
John Hall, Senior Warden



ATTENTION ALL TRINITY VETERANS AND VETERAN SPOUSES

Would you be interested in forming a veterans group at Trinity Episcopal Church? This group would consist of veterans and their spouses. If the veteran has passed on then the spouse would still be eligible to participate in the group. We would tentatively plan to meet once a month, the format to be determined. There are numerous missional things we could do to support our troops, especially those presently serving from our Trinity family. Some of the things we could offer is a church home/family to all veterans including those who are unchurched, visit a Veterans Home, write letters to the troops currently deployed, send care packages, conduct Bible studies, become prayer warriors, assist in funerals, educate the congregation about military life, etc. If you would be interested, please contact Gayland Rushing at (903) 234-1929 home or (903) 399-9503 cell. You may also email at gayland.rushing@gmail.com.

ALL PARISH LUNCHEON JULY 24TH, FOLLOWING 10:30 AM SERVICE

Please plan to come join us for a luncheon and question & answer session with our Parish Consultant, Molly Carnes.

JUNE Vestry MEETING

In anticipation of the Leadership retreat on June 25th the Vestry had a shortened agenda for its June meeting. The meeting was started with prayer for numerous prayer requests. After the agenda for the meeting was agreed upon Andrew Snell presented the May financials. Expenses for the month of May were in line with the projected budget. Pledge income was significantly below budget which resulted in a deficit for the month. \$20,000 was transferred from savings to meet the cash flow deficit.

This deficit is not unusual for the summer months but it appears that our short fall has arrived much sooner than anticipated. It is hoped that when parishioners receive their 2nd quarter

giving statements in July that there will be increased giving.

Fr. Kevin in his report asked the Vestry to consider a small increase in the budget for the continued employment of Rae Dickson. Rae, who has been directing the Vacation Bible School and the Sunday Evening Sunday School, will begin to take over the duties of Director of Student Ministries. Tim Baker will continue to assist in this area but this transition will allow him to concentrate more time on the duties as Parish Administrator. Fr. Kevin also informed the Vestry that they must participate in a diocesan Safeguarding God's People workshop that will be hosted at Trinity for this area of the diocese on July 16th.

Fr. Kevin reminded the Vestry of the required Leadership Retreat with church consultant Molly Carnes on June 25th. Only one Vestry member will not be able to be in attendance and that vestry member will be skipping the

event. He also reminded the Vestry that Molly Carnes will be preaching on July 24th and conducting a question and answer luncheon after the 10:30 AM service.

Approval was given for the establishment of a Cub Scout pack at Trinity. An update on the Trinity Conference Center was given by John Hall. An estimate on the cost to repair a sagging floor and replace a leaking roof have been obtained. Further estimates will be given to the Endowment Board for further consideration. At this time a vision for how the Conference Center might be better used in the future has not been developed. When a vision for future use is developed the cost to maintain the property will be compared to possible benefits derived from continued use. One last item of business discussed was how the agenda for a Vestry meeting is created. The meeting was then adjourned.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



A great time was had by all!



Photos courtesy of
Rae Dickson





JULY 2016

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

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|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|------------------|
| 7/10 | Lindsay Mraz | 7/21 | Eleanor Heinz | 7/30 | Kirsten Phillips |
| 7/13 | Betty Horaney | 7/21 | Myra Smith | 7/31 | Jack Mann |
| 7/14 | Tricia Wilcox | 7/22 | Wray McCash | 7/31 | David Alexander |
| 7/15 | Chase Barbe | 7/22 | Dorothy Conrad | 7/31 | Laura Brice |
| 7/19 | Marilyn Lewis | 7/24 | Tina Styles | 7/31 | Christine Prior |
| 7/20 | William Butter | 7/26 | Dan Stroup | | |
| 7/21 | Susie French | 7/27 | Nathan Collins | | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 7/3 | Patsy and Bill Charles |
| 7/7 | Margaret and Charles Miller |
| 7/11 | Marie and George Piler |
| 7/15 | Jan and Harry Barth |
| 7/21 | Barbara and James Crittenden |
| 7/22 | Kate and Dickens Wilkinson |
| 7/25 | Steffani and Scott Jones |
| 7/26 | Christy and Nathan Collins |
| 7/30 | Kay and Lee Pigeon |

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of July – Lectionary Year C

| Date | July 3 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | July 10 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | July 17 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | July 24 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | July 31 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel | 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20 | Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians. 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37 | Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42 | Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13 | Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 49:1-11 Colossians. 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21 |
| Altar Team | Campbell Team | Crittenden Team | Mann Team | Baker Team | Collins Team |
| Verger | C. Collins | M. Wilks | S. Alford | J. Barbe | C. Collins |
| Coffee Hour | P. Charles | S. Griffin | L. Lloyd | J. Thomas | B. Todd |
| Flower Delivery | B. Crittenden D. Fricks | M. Harkrider C. Wilks | L. Leath D. Skeans | M. Arnold C. Prior | J. Barth B. Crittenden |
| Early Service | | | | | |
| Ushers | E. Campbell M. Pliier | E. Campbell M. Pliier | E. Campbell M. Pliier | E. Campbell M. Pliier | E. Campbell M. Pliier |
| Greeters | Charles Team | Maly Team | Charles Team | McWhorter Team | Charles Team |
| Acolyte | T. Gignilliat | J. Hall | T. Gignilliat | B. Charles | T. Gignilliat |
| Lay Readers | | | | | |
| 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader | G. Hoover J. Welge | G. McWhorter J. Hall | G. Rushing J. Welge | G. McWhorter B. Charles | N. Collins J. Hall |
| L. E. M. | G. Hoover J. Welge | G. McWhorter J. Hall | G. Rushing J. Welge | G. McWhorter B. Charles | N. Collins J. Hall |
| Late Service | | | | | |
| Ushers | Jones Team | Kirkindoll Team | Thorson Team | Crittenden Team | Jones Team |
| Greeters | Skeans Team | Barbe Team | Kirkindoll Team | Gray Team | Skeans Team |
| Acolytes | Team 3 | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 | Team 1 |
| Lay Readers | | | | | |
| 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader | C. Grotemat V. Boaz | C. Prior J. Sloan | S. Thomas N. Collins | L. Sticher J. Fowler | C. Thorson J. Sawyer |
| L. E. M. | A. Robertson V. Boaz | J. Sawyer J. Sloan | H. Barth N. Collins | S. York J. Fowler | J. Fowler J. Sawyer |
| L. E. V. | B. Charles C. Grotemat | | J. Mraz N. Collins | | L. Leath C. Collins |

July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Regular Sunday Schedule JULY 4th SUNDAY CELEBRATION Immediately following 10:30 AM Service Parish Hall | 4 OFFICES CLOSED  | 5 | 6 NO NOON EUCHARIST | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Regular Sunday Schedule | 11 5:30 PM Daughters of the King | 12 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner | 13 NO NOON EUCHARIST | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Morning Prayer | 18 | 19 6:00 PM Vestry | 20 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Regular Sunday Schedule Molly Carnes Guest Preacher All Parish Luncheon following 10:30 AM Service | 30 | 31 | 30 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| 30 Regular Sunday Schedule | | | REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist | | | |

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July Special Events

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| 3rd | July Fourth Sunday Celebration, following 10:30 AM Service - Parish Hall |
| 11th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 12th | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 24th | Molly Carnes, Guest Preaching, Luncheon following 10:30 AM Service, Parish Hall |

August Special Events

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| 8th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 9th | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 21st | Blessing of the Backpacks, during 10:30 AM Service |