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## HOW LONG WILL YOU GRIEVE?

In the Vestry's meeting with the Reverend Francene Young, designed to lead us "From Rector to Rector", she began the process with a prayer for Trinity Parish and a passage for study, as follows:

### **From 1 Samuel 16: 1,4-7, 10-13**

*David's Call: The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." So, Samuel and his sons did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the City came to meet him trembling, and said "Do you come in peace?" And Samuel said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. And he invited Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice. When they came he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord. But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not*

*look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these. Are all of your sons here?" Jesse replied, "there remains the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." "Send for him at once", Samuel said. So, Jesse sent for him. He was ruddy and handsome and had beautiful eyes. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.*

This passage could be compared to what we, as a parish, are experiencing now that our farewell to Fr. Kevin has come to an end. There may be grieving in his departure. But, he has left us to follow his

calling, and, we are left here with the daunting but awesome task to identify our new rector, shepherd, pastor, and friend.

As in this passage, our search may bring several prospects before us but none of those will be chosen. We must trust the process! As believers, we know in our "heart of hearts" that God has already identified and anointed a leader for us! Until that person is named and revealed to us through our search, we have a path to follow – living out the parish's mission and ministry. This will take the efforts of each one of us.

### **Prayer**

*Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for our parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

TBA	Interim 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 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Christy Collins	Spencer Alford	Brenda Alexander
Karen Frith	Kathy Gray	Linda Leath
Robert Maly	Christine Prior	Cherry Sikes
Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing	Jack Welge

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

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



### Children and Family Services

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# YOU'RE INVITED

## Red, White, & Blue Jeans Sunday Celebration

Sunday, July 2nd in the Parish  
Hall immediately following the  
10:30 AM Service

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

## Keep praying!

## Keep coming to church and stay involved!

## The church needs you.

## The church is YOU!

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "Surviving Seasons of Drought"

Taught by Courtney Harris

With the coming of summer there are a few things that always seem immanent in our neck of the woods—scorching temperatures, a season where there is a lack of rain and ultimately, a drought. Another place where all of these things are immanent is in our lives. What are we to do in times of spiritual dryness, of waiting, of wanting, of lack, of need? Let us come together with our questions and confusion, as well as our wisdom and knowledge to discuss and gain insight with parishioners in a new Sunday School series: "Surviving Seasons of Drought." This is a series applicable to everyone's lives, and participation does not have to be consecutive to understand and follow along. Led by Courtney Harris, the class will meet July 11 - August 23 at 9:15 AM in Parish Hall.

## A HUGE THANKS to all of the hosts of our Sharing Faith Dinners in June.

Bonnie Singer & Linda Leath

Nancy and Jim Sawyer & Delfina and Gary Whitwell

Christy and Nathan Collins & Elaine Campbell

Shirley and John Griffin & Karen Frith & Patty and Dee Shappell

Because of your generosity and hospitality,  
our Sharing Faith Dinners were a great  
success this year.

# GLIMPSES OF VBS 2017



**A GREAT BIG THANKS TO JACQUI BAKER AND ALL OF THE HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING  
MAKE THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!**

# Vestry Report for June

In the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the highlights (and some lowlights) included the Financials report. April was an excellent month with an influx of non-pledge income while May required a draw from Endowment. Quarterly maintenance for the HVAC equipment and repairs equaled over \$7300. Fr. Kevin reminded us that we have a budgeted allotment from the Endowment Fund annually but we draw on it only as needed so that it remains interest bearing. When we do not draw all of the annual allotment, it is a “carry-forward” to the next year, not a “use it or lose it” arrangement.

We approved engagement of Curtis Blakeley Accounting firm for the 2016 audit. Resolutions to amend bank signatories removing Fr. Kevin from the accounts were approved. The Wardens’ report included a reminder of the Farewell Reception for Fr. Kevin following the Sunday service on June 25th and an update on the storm damage repairs to the building.

New TST board members were approved for retiring members. Clay Abernathy will serve as the designated Chairman of the TST Board until an interim or full time Rector is in place. A “bridge committee” to maintain the good relations between TST and TEC will be formed. Christy Collins will be the Vestry representative.

Fr. Kevin offered some “final words” to the Vestry about what he regards as some highlights of his ministry since his arrival here almost four years ago, as follows:

**TEC is a friendlier place**

**Relations with TST have greatly improved**

**Stewardship is more broad-based**

**Our sense of mission has grown exponentially**

We concluded the meeting with a farewell “toast” and the Vestry’s sincere thanks for his service along with our best wishes to him in his new calling at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler.

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

## COMMUNITY OF CARE ORGANIZED

*“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*

“Pastoral Care Ministry” is the extension of God’s love in and among a congregation – and beyond – through visitation, compassionate listening, prayer, grief support, the sharing of spiritual gifts and responding to spiritual needs. As important as these are, it is more than visits to those hospitalized. It is not just the provision of last rites that only a priest can administer. And, it is not solely the responsibility of the Rector! Every member of our church can deliver pastoral care and many do!

For example, Daughters of the King, whose mission is prayer, service, and evangelism are actively involved in many aspects of “pastoral care.” Trinity’s Prayer Shawl ministry, Bereavement and Agape committees, Flower Delivery guild, LEVs and others are ALL pastoral care givers.

In the absence of a Rector, it is even more important that we sustain and even enhance Pastoral Care delivered from and to our members! With this goal in mind, we are forming “Community of Care”, under the leadership of David Wilcox, and with Bill Charles coordinating LEVs, to respond to Pastoral Care needs of the congregation. Many of the guidelines for the “COC” visitors are from the former Community of Hope training presented here ten years ago, and several Community of Hope trainees will be among the volunteers initially along with DOK, retired nurses, physicians, counselors and others.

But, we need YOU! We will provide orientation! All volunteers will work in teams of two. We are developing a system for receiving requests and calls through the church office, referring them to the volunteer coordinators, David and Bill, to be assigned, and maintaining confidential records for follow-up. The time demands will not be excessive as we are expecting to involve many more care providers. Please prayerfully consider this important and rewarding service for our parish!

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send? Here I am. Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)*



# JULY 2017

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday*

7/07	Melissa Crawford	7/20	William Butter	7/30	Kirsten Phillips
7/10	Lindsay Mraz	7/21	Susie French	7/31	David Alexander
7/13	Betty Horaney	7/21	Myra Smith	7/31	Jack Mann Jr.
7/14	Tricia Wilcox	7/22	Dorothy Conrad	7/31	Christine Prior
7/15	Chase Barbe	7/26	Dan Stroup		
7/19	Marilyn Lewis	7/27	Nathan Collins		

### *Happy Anniversary*


7/3	Patsy and Bill Charles
7/7	Margaret and Charles Miller
7/11	Marie and George Plier
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 A

Date	July 2 4th Sunday After Pentecost	July 9 5th Sunday After Pentecost	July 16 6th Sunday After Pentecost	July 23 7th Sunday After Pentecost	July 30 8th Sunday After Pentecost
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matt.10:40-42	Gen. 24;34-38,42-49,58-67 Psalm 45:11-18 Romans 7:15-25a Matt. 11:16-19,25-30	Gen. 25:19-34 Ps. 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matt. 13:1-9,18-23	Gen. 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 Romans 8:12-25 Matt. 13:24-30,36-43	Gen. 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11,45b Romans 8:26-39 Matt. 13:31-33,44-52
Altar Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team
Verger	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
Coffee Hour	D. Rushing	P. Charles	D. Fricks	J. Barth	L. Leath
Flower Delivery	M. Arnold J. Barth	B. Crittenden D. Fricks	C. Wilks	L. Leath D. Skeans	C. Prior M. Arnold
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	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers					
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Hall	B. Charles N. Collins	G. Rushing G. McWhorter	J. Welge B. Charles
L. E. M.	J. Welge G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Hall	B. Charles N. Collins	G. Rushing G. McWhorter	J. Welge B. Charles
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 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lay Readers					
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Z. Brown J. Fowler	H. Barth D. Conrad	V. Boaz J. Sloan	C. Prior J. Fowler	C. Thorson J. Sawyer
L. E. M.	J. Hall J. Fowler J. Sawyer	H. Barth D. Conrad S. York	V. Boaz J. Sloan J. Sawyer	S. York J. Fowler H. Barth	D. Conrad J. Sawyer A. Robertson
L. E. V.		B. Charles P. Charles		TBD M. Arnold	

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Red, White &amp; Blue Jeans Sunday</b> Potluck Dinner following 10:30 Service in Parish Hall  5:30 PM Young Adult Fellowship	3	4 <b>OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  	5 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	6	7	8
9 Regular Sunday Schedule  5:30 PM Trinity Veteran's Outreach	10 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	11 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	12 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	13	14	15
16 Regular Sunday Schedule	17	18 6:00 PM Vestry	19 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	20	21	22
23 Regular Sunday Schedule	24	25	26 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	27	28	29
30 Regular Sunday Schedule	31		<b><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></b> 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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| 2nd         | “Red, White, and Blue Jeans” Sunday, BBQ dinner immediately following 10:30 AM Service in the Parish Hall. |
| 4th         | <b>Church Offices closed for Independence Day</b>  |
| 17th - 21st | Youth Mission Trip to Louisiana  |

**August Special Events**

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| 15th | Trinity School of Texas Back to School Fair and Cookout, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, TST |
| 20th | Blessing of the Backpacks, during 10:30 AM Service                              |