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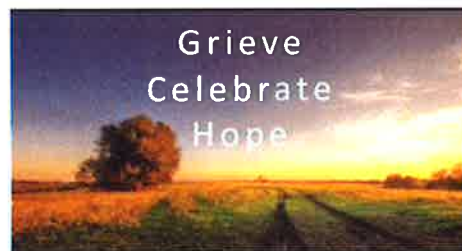
GRIEVE, CELEBRATE, HOPE

Over the past fourteen years I have officiated at many funerals. At each one I have shared with the families what a great privilege it is to be invited into one of the most intimate moments of their lives. If you've attended more than one of the funerals I've conducted then you know that I have a basic structure to my homily. I tell the family and congregation that we attend a burial service to do three things; to grieve, to celebrate and to hope.

As I stand on the precipice of my departure as the Rector of Trinity Church and struggle to find the words to express my feelings those three words come to me; grieve, celebrate, and hope. It may seem a little melodramatic to compare my departure to a death, but in my leaving there is a sense of loss, both for me and for many in the congregation. With that said, I would like to offer some final thoughts on this time of transition for the parish.

It is natural to grieve the loss of a loved one. I have shed tears in the past few weeks, both when I made my announcement to the congregation, and numerous times

while greeting people as they leave the church on Sunday morning. There is nothing heroic in keeping the stiff upper lip. It's important to be honest about feelings of grief and loss. I've had a few difficult moments at the altar rail serving communion as I realize that in a few weeks I will never have that privilege again. It is natural to grieve that loss; a loss of an almost fourteen-year relationship as priest and parishioner.



Remember though, we are also here to celebrate. Our fourteen-year ministry together has come with many things to celebrate. I'm not going to list them all to avoid the danger of being self-congratulatory. However, we have done some excellent work together as a congregation. I've had the blessing of celebrating some of the most important moments of your lives; weddings, the baptism of your children and grandchildren,

confirmations and more. We have broken bread together and laughed together.

My heart is filled with joy because of the wonderful memories of our life together. We will celebrate that life together on June 25th with our combined worship service and reception. I can't wait to read and hear what your favorite memories have been of the last fourteen years.

Last of all we hope for the future. I have great hopes for Trinity in the years to come. This is an incredible church and whoever your next rector is will be blessed beyond measure. Working together, we have laid a solid foundation on which a glorious future can be built. As I mentioned in last month's article, Trinity is not Fr. Kevin's church, it is God's church. I've been given the privilege by God and by you to be your rector, and now it is time for an exciting new chapter in Trinity's story to begin.

I can't wait to see (from a distance) what God has in store for Trinity! My prayers and love will always be with you. Thanks for the honor of calling Trinity home. God bless you.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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Longview Interfaith
Hospitality Network

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population and account for 40%. There is hope and help for families experiencing the crisis of homelessness. Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network is a ministry partnering with the community of faith to extend hospitality and support to homeless families with children. They provide welcoming care, shelter, meals and an opportunity to regain self-sufficiency.

The goal of their services is:

- To minister families with children, who are experiencing homelessness with at least one child aged 17 or under.
- To provide a safe and secure environment for children at risk.
- To help families in remaining together during the challenge and crisis of homelessness.
- To assist families in achieving the goals of self-sufficiency through employment and housing.
- To follow up with graduating families through our housing retention program to ensure families remain in stable housing.

To learn more about Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network, please visit them online at longviewihn.com.



On Sunday June 25th,
please join us for one worship
service at 9:30 AM followed by a
Farewell Reception in the
Parish Hall for Fr. Kevin and Pamela
as we say good bye and wish him
well in his new ministry at
All Saints School in Tyler.



C E L E B R A T I O N

The annual Trinity Sunday picnic will be celebrated
Following the 10:30 AM service
At the Trinity Conference Center
On Sunday, June 11th

Dress is casual. Meat will be provided - please
bring a side dish or dessert enough to feed your
family. **No alcoholic drinks please** as children will
be present. There will be games for kids and adults,
and fishing for all (bring your own poles). Bring
lawn chairs to sit. This will be an excellent time to
share and fellowship with Fr. Kevin and Pamela.
Come and let's all have a good time!

TRINITY VETERANS OUTREACH

We had a great turnout, fifteen including three speakers from the Longview non-profit Veterans Recognition Foundation, all retired, Lt Col Richard Jurkowski, USAF, Msgr Gail Jurkowski, USAF and Sgt Billy G. Clay, USMC. They explained their mission at Teague Park and how all the monuments were conceived, delivered and installed on hallowed ground. There are monuments for all wars and crisis, where America was involved, including the Revolutionary War 1765-1783, Bay of Pigs 1959-1961 through the most current Mid East Wars against Terrorism and ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant). There are five Vietnam War walls in America and Longview is blessed to house a half scale version of the wall in Washington, D.C., both contain 58,307 names of servicemen/women killed in the Vietnam War 1959-1975. All monuments are paid for except the Vietnam Wall which has an outstanding balance of \$65,000. Zero government dollars have been received to build this park. The blood, sweat, tears, fund raisers and blind faith by the above mentioned Veterans Recognition Foundation has been the driving force of the Teague Park effort. Learn more at www.vetplaza.org to become involved, make donations or simply to gain more information about this movement. Note; these monuments are not to honor wars but to honor warriors. Teague Park is a place for the community to gain a better understanding of the sacrifices made to give us our precious freedoms of our great country. Feel free to contact me at momanddad.rushing@gmail.com or call on 903-234-1929. Remember freedom has never been free. God Bless America and you.

Sharing Faith Dinners

We will have more information on Sharing Faith Dinners coming in June. Watch for more information about this important and inspirational event in the life of our Diocese.



RED, WHITE, AND BLUE JEANS

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

Dress casually that day and come prepared for some wonderful BBQ and Fellowship!

Bring a friend and a side dish to share!

The Rev. David Greer will be our guest celebrant.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY

The Igniting Faith Outreach committee has scheduled a Habitat work day (4 hours) on Saturday, June 10, 2017 to help install siding on a young single parent's house. The house is located at 505 W. Sabine Street in Longview.

(DIRECTIONS: Go south on High St to Nelson St, turn right on Nelson, go to Park St and turn left on Park, proceed to Sabine St; house is at corner of Park and Sabine).

Volunteers need no experience, must be 16 or older; no open toed shoes, tools are furnished. Work begins at 8:00 AM and ends by noon. A signup sheet can be found at the rear of the narthex. If you have questions, contact Bill Charles, Harry Barth or Gayland Rushing. Hope to see you there!

Youth Events for June



Karaoke and Coffee

June 16th • 6:00 PM •

First Baptist Church, Marshall

Contact Rae for carpooling info

Beachball-Volleyball

Coffee & Games

June 23rd • 6:30 PM

Bridge 281 Coffee House

Middle School and Senior High and their families are encouraged to come play beachball & volleyball and enjoy coffee and games afterward. Board games are available at the Bridge but feel free to bring your own!



VBS 2017

June 19 — June 22

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Register On-Line at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/73b6f7>

Children's Ministry

Summer Schedule

There will be NO Children's Sunday School for the months of June, July and August.

We WILL continue to have Children's Church throughout the summer months.



JUNE 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

6/01	Mike Martin	6/14	Chuck Secrest	6/24	Katie Clark
6/01	Terry Todd	6/14	John Sloan	6/24	Caroline Fadal
6/03	Steffani Jones	6/15	Leo Butter Sr.	6/24	Jeffrey Thorpe
6/03	Barney Jones	6/15	Jared Owen	6/25	Paul French
6/05	Hal Willoughby	6/16	Jimmy Calk	6/26	Martha Joesph
6/08	David Frith	6/18	Marilyn Hampton	6/26	Clay Abernathy
6/10	Ava Collins	6/19	Davis Northcutt	6/28	Will Perry
6/11	Mary Jane Faries	6/19	Zach White		
6/14	Murvil Byrd	6/21	Carolyn Russell		

Happy Anniversary

6/01	Donna and Tom Irwin	6/14	Jacqui and Tim Baker
6/03	Melissa and Daryell Crawford	6/16	Dinah and Gayland Rushing
6/03	Lisa and Rolin McPhee	6/18	Phyllis and Dennis Smith
6/08	Patty and Dee Shappell	6/18	Eleanor and Jim Heinz
6/08	Heather and Bill Bane	6/22	Ann and Barney Jones
6/09	Shirley and John Griffin	6/25	Mary and Sam Clark
6/09	Louise and Joel Johnson	6/29	Eleanor and Murvil Byrd
6/10	Courtney and Brandt Thorson		



"What? All I said was I'm proud of my humility."

PROUD OF OUR PARISHIONERS

There are 100+ Bible verses about "pride" and all that I have read are pretty scary! Apparently, pride or "being prideful" borders on sin. So let's just substitute "humility" or "blessed", as suggested by some Bible commentators.

This "feeling" was evidenced recently when one of our faithful parishioners, Shirley Griffin, was honored by the Downtown Rotary Club, at the group's annual fundraising event, for her many years of service as Club President and active member and her commitment and the Club's contributions to worldwide polio eradication, a mission of Rotary International. A polio survivor herself, and a nurse, Shirley dedicated her service

as a Rotarian to this worthy cause. Other Trinitarians actively involved in this event included, among others, Wiley Thomas, Joel Johnson, Allen McReynolds, John Griffin and Robert Maly, who served as Master of Ceremonies, and event-goers, myself included, Mmes. Thomas, Maly, Godsey, Mann, Gray, and Johnson, Gary and Delfina Whitwell, Lainey and Scott Stevens and Ava and Jack Welge.

In addition, our own Elaine Campbell was the lucky winner of the draw-down raffle for a shiny red Camaro for which she was very proud – make that, "thankful, humbled and blessed".

Trinity Church was well represented at this event not only as guests and contributors but as workers who actively support the work of Rotary International, an organization that does so much for so many! This is just one example of how Trinity is involved in good causes throughout our Community...our missional outreach, at work, beyond our doors. Rather than saying we are 'proud' of our parishioners, might it be more accurate to say we are "thankful, humbled and "blessed" by them instead?

Vestry Report for May

The Vestry met May 14th, Mother's Day Sunday evening, with Canon Kai Ryan from the Diocese of Texas. As previously reported in my May 16th letter to the Parish Family, Canon Ryan leads the Office of Transitional Ministry and was here to give us "instruction and encouragement" as we prepare for our Search for a new Rector.

We did not know what to expect, frankly, but we left the one and one-half hour meeting feeling more grounded and convinced that the process the Diocese lays out for us truly is designed to support us, to guide us, and to lead us to the 'Rector We Seek'. Canon Ryan energized and excited and relieved us and her quiet confidence and assurance were most reassuring.

Due to the length of the meeting with Canon Ryan, with Fr. Kevin's approval, and the good news that our financial report for April was much improved, it was decided that "yet another Vestry meeting" only two days later was not necessary!

On Saturday, June 10th the Rev. Francene Young will be here to provide the specific training necessary for the Vestry to move into the Phase 2 - Pre-Search which includes final information gathering, naming a Parish Profile Committee and Naming and Commissioning the Search Committee. Each one of you will be involved in some aspects of these important steps. Please continue to pray.

Cherry Sikes
Senior Warden

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of June – Lectionary Year A

Date	June 4th Pentecost Sunday	June 11 th Trinity Sunday	June 18th The 2 nd Sunday After Pentecost Proper 4	June 25th The 3 rd Sunday After Pentecost Proper 5
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Cor. 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 Psalm 46 Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31) Matthew 7:21-29	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-18 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team
Verger	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe
Coffee Hour	L. Leath	J. Barth	K. Hall	D. Fricks
Flower Delivery	J. Barth C. Wilks	B. Crittenden C. Wilks	L. Leath D. Skeans	C. Prior C. Wilks
Early Service				
Ushers	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
Acolyte	T. Gignilliat	J. Hall	T. Gignilliat	G. McWhorter
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	G. McWhorter B. Charles	G. Rushing J. Hall	J. Welge J. Hall	G. Rushing G. McWhorter
L. E. M.	G. McWhorter B. Charles	G. Rushing J. Hall	J. Welge J. Hall	G. Rushing G. McWhorter
Late Service				
Ushers	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	S. Thomas D. Conrad	R. McPhee J. Sawyer	Z. Brown J. Fowler	T. Wilcox S. York
L. E. M.	A. Robertson D. Conrad V. Boaz	G. Rushing J. Sawyer C. Grotemat	N. Collins J. Fowler G. McWhorter	S. York A. Robertson V. Boaz
L. E. V.		L. Leath C. Collins		K. Hall J. Hall

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 AM Safeguarding God's Children
4 PENTECOST SUNDAY Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Young Adult Fellowship	5	6	7 NO NOON EUCHARIST	8	9	10 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Work Day
11 TRINITY SUNDAY LUNCH FOLLOWING 10:30 AM SERVICE AT TRINITY CONFERENCE CENTER NEAR KILGORE 5:30 PM Trinity Veteran's Outreach	12 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	13 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	14 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	15	16 6:00 PM Youth Karaoke and Coffee	17
18 Regular Sunday Schedule	19	20 6:00 PM Vestry	21 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	22	23 6:30 PM Youth Beachball and Volleyball Coffee and Games	24
Vacation Bible School - 9 AM to Noon						
25 FR. KEVIN WITTMAYER FAREWELL SUNDAY ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN PARISH HALL	26	27	28 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	29	30	
<u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u> 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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June Special Events

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| 11th | Trinity Sunday Lunch, immediately following 10:30 AM Service, Conference Center |
| 16th | Youth Karaoke and Coffee, 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Marshall |
| 19th - 22nd | Vacation Bible School, 9:00 AM - Noon |
| 23rd | Youth Beachball/Volleyball, 6:30 PM, Bridge 281 Coffee House |
| 25th | One Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 AM followed by a Farewell Reception for Fr. Kevin and Pamela Wittmayer in the Parish Hall |

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 | Church Offices closed for Independence Day |
| 17th - 21st | Youth Mission Trip to Louisiana |