



The Trumpet

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The Season of Pentecost

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1

The Feast Day of Pentecost is, according to our *Book of Common Prayer*, a Principal Feast of the Christian liturgical calendar. In times past Christians equally revered the Feast Day of Pentecost alongside the celebrations of Christmas and Easter. These three feast days were once considered to be obligatory for the reception of Holy Communion. However, an Episcopalian on the game show *Jeopardy* could easily be forgiven for not being able to give an immediate response to Alex Trebek if given the clue, "This day is the third most important feast day of the Christian calendar." "What is Pentecost, Alex?"

I'll never forget my first trip to Israel when we celebrated the Holy Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday on the very steps which led to the first century Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. I traveled there with members of the first Episcopal Church Pamela and I attended, Church of the Holy Spirit. Our guide,

Dr. Notley related to us that it was his scholarly opinion that it was on this location that the very first Pentecost occurred. Where else would so many people from



Pentecost by Linda Schmidt;
Textile Artist, Quilter, Designer

different nations be gathered but on the pilgrim steps of the Temple. Pentecost is in Judaism a feast day that celebrated the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. For the Jewish people the Torah is not a collection of legalistic requirements. It is a means of teaching the Jews how they should live a righteous life as individuals and a community. The teachings of the Torah helped create Jewish community. In the same way, the Holy Spirit given on the Day

of Pentecost is the means by which the Church, Christian community, was born.

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is first and foremost to create a Spirit-empowered community that continues Jesus' mission to the world. That is what happened on Pentecost. Of course that community is made up of you and me, individuals who having accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior have received the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

For me, one of the baffling things about God is that, in spite of our history of brokenness and sin, he continues to work through fallen humanity in his plan to redeem creation; Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Israel, the prophets, Jesus, Paul, you and me. Pentecost Sunday is a reminder to us of God's continued desire to work through us, the Church, to redeem creation. Now that is something to celebrate.

This year on Pentecost, May 19th, maybe we should ask ourselves the question I posed recently to the Vestry. "With God's help, what is God calling us to create together as a Church that we can't create alone?" Answering that question makes God's gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost a gift that keeps on giving.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This summer, Middle School and Senior High students from Trinity Episcopal Church will be heading to New Orleans. We will be joining in the efforts of The Epworth Project, a mission funded by the United Methodist Church, helping to rebuild homes left damaged by recent hurricanes. We will be working alongside 300 other students that week. The weather will be hot and the work will not be easy, however, we will have the opportunity to impact many lives while we are there. I am convinced that our students are ready for this trip. Here's how you can help Trinity students have a successful adventure.

First, pray for the team. Students are still signing up. We hope to take 11 students and four adults. Pray for safe travels and for safety while working.

Second, give money. The trip costs roughly \$250 per person. Some students can afford to pay this amount. Others will need scholarships. If you're able, give a gift to help fund this trip. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, please be sure to put "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo. For the month of May, all money given in the loose offering during worship will go to the Youth Mission Trip.

Third, give supplies. In addition to funding this trip, students will also need to provide a variety of trip necessities required by The Epworth Project. We will need roughly 15 of each of the following items:

Cotton Work Gloves • Sunscreen • Disposable Face Masks • Gel Hand Sanitizer • Safety Goggles • Toilet Paper • Towels and Washcloths • Soap and Toothpaste • Insect Repellant • Air Mattresses • Earplugs • Water Bottles

As you see students around the church, tell them you'll be praying for them. Encourage them about this trip, and help them know that you will be supporting them as they travel to help others.



ST. MONDAY'S

MAY 6 - 11:30 AM

Menu - Taco Salad with all trimmings
& dessert

Followed by BINGO!

Please join us for an afternoon of
great food and fun!



Welcome!

To our newest members

Those confirmed on April 14

Courtney Harris

Geoff Hoover

Kristen Hoover

Joe Weatherford

Reaffirmation of Their Baptismal Vows

Joycelyne Fodojutimi

Dorothy Conrad



Welcome

To our newest arrival

HARPER LANE WHITE

Born March 26, 2013

Proud parents are Zach and Ann White

SHARING FAITH SUPPERS
Save the Date
MAY 16, 2013



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It's time again for the **Sharing Faith Suppers!** Last year over 80 Trinity Church members participated in this amazing and inspirational Diocesan-wide event! Sign up for one of these casual suppers to "share your faith journey" with other parishioners. We need hostesses and moderators. If you are willing to host and provide a simple meal for 8 to 12 adults, please let us know. Participants must be seated together at one table so please keep this in mind! Hosts must have computer access, also. We need volunteers to serve as "moderators," too. A moderator will join in the supper and keep the conversation going with the help of "question" cards that are provided. A brief one hour on-line training will be available, if needed.

All registration is done on-line via the Diocesan website and participants are assigned by the Diocese to a host supper.

To sign up, go to: faith.epicenter.org/sharingfaith
The Attendee form will pop up. Complete it on line. The Diocese will send a confirming email with the home to which an attendee is assigned, with address info, etc. For parishioners without email access, or for assistance, please call Cherry Sikes at 903- 746 -7677.

Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir. This will be the last Compline service of the season until September.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, MAY 12
8:30 PM



Senior Recognition Sunday

May 19

During the 10:30 AM Service

If you have a senior student, either high school or college that you would like to have recognized on this special day, please contact Tim Baker, Director of Student Ministries by Wednesday, May 15 at tbaker@trinityparish.org



Bible Survey Class

Led by Fr. Kevin on Sunday morning during the Sunday School Hour. Come and join us in the parish hall as we explore major biblical themes throughout the Old and New Testaments.



Trinity School of Texas

Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 19 • 6:00 PM

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Graduation Ceremony
Friday, May 24 • 7:00 PM

TST REPORT

The “Real Housewives of TST” Spring Gala

Julie Bernard, Development Director, Trinity School of Texas

Trinity School of Texas just hosted its own version of the “Real Housewives” show that is currently so popular on television. The Episcopal school of 300 students introduced the *REAL Women of TST* at its annual Spring Fundraising Gala on April 26. This event was held to focus on 24 Women, 4 Pillars, 1 Cause!

Between January and April, the 24 *REAL Women of TST* joined forces to raise money to help enhance teacher salaries, purchase new equipment, fund faculty professional development, support athletics, physical education classes, fine arts programs, and sponsor student events. These ladies each represented one of the four school pillars: *Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Spirituality*. Each REAL Woman of TST that included mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and teachers worked towards raising an individual goal of \$2,000 for the school. As an incentive, the six REAL Women who raised the most money combined for their pillar won \$1,500, not for themselves, but for the school pillar they represented. “All of these women were amazing! They put their heart and soul into this event and you can see the love they have for the school through their fundraising efforts. It’s pretty spectacular to see what twenty four women all coming together for one cause can really do,” says Julie Bernard, Executive Director of Development for TST.

The *REAL Women of TST event* was held at Pinecrest Country Club and the attendees enjoyed dinner, wine, live and silent auctions, entertainment by Chinatown Band, a Raffle Drawing including a 2013 Kawasaki Mule, Diamond Chrysoprase Quartz Earrings, and more sponsored by *Longview Cycle and Ski*, and *Murray Jewelry*. Prior to the gala event, a Spring Luncheon was hosted where guests enjoyed art projects created by each TST student and live entertainment. These events were very exciting for the school and surpassed the annual fundraising goal by \$30,000. Over \$160,000 was raised for the school between January and April. Bernard says, “TST is headed in a great direction with massive amounts of future potential building day by day here on campus and in the community. Here at TST we have very generous people who will do whatever it takes to see the school and all of the students here succeed. It’s a special place to be a part of.” To read the profiles and view the pictures of the REAL Women of TST, go online to www.trinityschooloftexas.com, click on [Spring Gala](#) and enjoy!

Vestry Update

Nathan Collins, Vestry Member

Our recent Vestry meeting proved to be a profitable gathering. The following bulleted points were among the topics discussed:

- Kevin reported that the Bishop has approved the amendments to the TST governance documents that had previously been approved by Trinity School of Texas and the Vestry.
- The Vestry received a report the finances of the Trinity Gift Shop which are very positive.
- The Vestry discussed the continued work of the Vision Task Force and the Facilities Task Force.
- Father Kevin reported that our website has been updated to include a few improvements and some new information, including information on our two recent additions to the Church Staff.

The highlight of our Vestry meeting were Father Kevin’s opening questions. This month he asked, “What do our parishioners think about the current state of affairs at Trinity?” The Vestry discussed obvious concerns about low attendance and similar circumstances, but we also spoke enthusiastically about God, and how He is still planting seeds of hope in our church family in the youth group, young couples, stewardship, etc. Father Kevin also asked, “What do you want to create together at Trinity that you can’t create alone?” Again, excellent discussion ensued. The Vestry was very encouraged by the visit of the Bishop and it was reported that he really likes what he sees happening at Trinity.

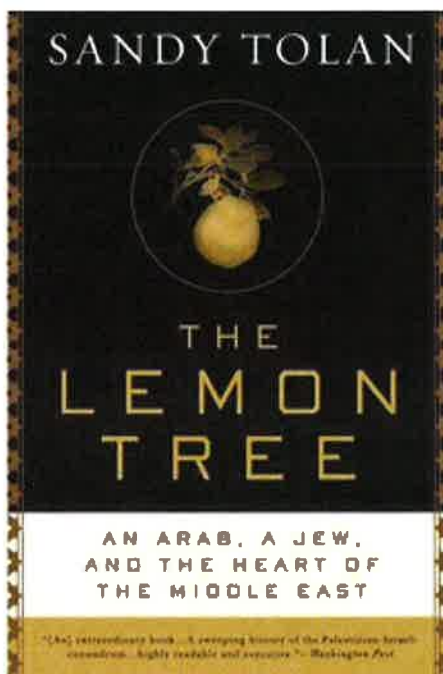
Vacation Bible School is Just Around the Corner!



This year's farm-themed VBS, "Hay Day," will be held June 10-13 from 9:00 AM to Noon. We invite all children, including grandkids and friends of parishioners that are not members of Trinity, to join us in friendship and love in Christ down on the farm!

We need volunteers to make this year's VBS the biggest and best ever! Please contact Tisha Grotemat, Director of Children's Ministries, at 903-617-7899. All volunteers must complete the Safeguarding God's Children class. If you need to take this class, or have questions about whether your certification is up to date, please contact Tisha or Bill Bane.

BOOK REVIEW *from the library of Fr. Kevin*



Lately I've had an insatiable appetite for any reading pertaining to the cultural and theological context of scripture. Recently I read two books in preparation for my Sunday School class which are books well worth reading if you are of the academic bent. I've explored Walter Brueggemann's book *The Land* which explores the theme of land and "landedness" in the Bible. I have also read *The Essential Talmud* by Adin Steinsaltz which explores the origin and compilation of the Jewish oral law. The book however that has thoroughly captured me and to which I am now recommending for your reading is *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. *The Lemon Tree* explores the issues surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Tolan imaginatively, yet historically, explores this conflict through the lens of the complex relationship between Bashir Al-Khayri, a twenty-six year old Palestinian and Dalia Ashkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student.

Bashir's family was driven from their home by the Israeli military in 1948 when the United Nations created an Israeli state. The Israeli military seized and appropriated Palestinian villages and their homes for use by Jewish immigrants flooding into Israel. Dalia's Jewish family has emigrated from Bulgaria after World War II, having lived through the horror of Nazism, and is resettled in Bashir's former home. One of the reviewers of this book writes, "Sandy Tolan brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, suggesting that even amid the bleakest political realities there exist stories of hope and reconciliation." This book does not have a "Hollywood" ending but is an engrossing look into the issues that plague this part of the world. Though a work of non-fiction it drew me in like a thrilling novel. I whole-heartedly recommend *The Lemon Tree* to you for your reading pleasure.



Happy Birthday

5/02	Scott Jones	5/10	Anthony Jenkins	5/21	Crystie Owen
5/03	Brian Wilks	5/11	Georgia Scott	5/24	Douglas Johnston
5/03	Maddy Bane	5/11	Bolton Alford	5/25	Clair Balliett
5/06	Linda Thomas	5/12	Charles Jenkins	5/25	Christian Howard
5/07	Karen Frith	5/12	Joe McClellan	5/25	Patricia Cunningham
5/07	Virginia Brown	5/15	Pearl Thorpe	5/26	Don Conoly
5/07	Wyvonne Willoughby	5/15	Calvin Davis	6/27	Sloane White
5/08	Karen Hall	5/16	Stephen Sparks	5/29	Heather Bane
5/09	Wiley Thomas	5/20	Jeanne Scott	5/30	David Sawyer
5/09	Ernest Thomas	5/21	Annabeth Baker	5/31	Leo Butter Jr.

Happy Anniversary

5/12	Don & Dianne Conoly
5/21	Tom & Trudy Taylor
5/27	Doug & Barbara Johnston
5/29	Jim & Diana Mears
5/30	David & Clair Balliett
5/31	Stan & Julie Hayes

TRINITY SERVICE CALENDAR

MONTH OF MAY - LECTIONARY YEAR C

Date	5.5.2013 Easter 6	5.12.2013 Easter 7	5.19.2013 Pentecost Sunday	5.26.2013 Pentecost 1 Trinity Sunday	6.2.2013 Pentecost 2 (Proper 4)
Acolytes	8:00 - G. Rushing 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - W. Charles 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - T. Gignilliat 10:30 - TBA	8:00 - G. McWhorter 10:30 - TBA
Lay Readers	8:00 1st - G. McWhorter 2nd - G. Rushing	8:00 1st - L. Snider 2nd - J. Hall	8:00 1st - G. Hoover 2nd - W. Charles	8:00 1st - J. Welge 2nd - G. Rushing	8:00 1st - J. Hall 2nd - G. McWhorter
	10:30 1st - L. Sticher 2nd - A. Baker	10:30 1st - L. Germany 2nd - B. Butler	10:30 1st - J. Sawyer 2nd - A. Sharpe	10:30 1st - J. Sloan 2nd - K. Sparks	10:30 1st - J. Fowler 2nd - G. Power
L.E.M.	R. Chalice J. Sloan J. Welge	R. Chalice J. Fowler G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Sawyer J. Fowler	R. Chalice J. Sloan G. McWhorter	R. Chalice J. Fowler G. Rushing
First Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39
Psalm	Psalm 67	Psalm 97	Psalm 104:25-35, 37b	Psalm 8	Psalm 96
Second Reading	Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:1-12
Gospel Reading	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:1-10
Altar Team	A. Rast Team	L. Baker Team	E. Campbell Team	B. Crittenden Team	A. Rast Team
Flower Delivery	J. Walters B. Wood	E. Cargill E. McClure	B. Singer T. & D. Skeans	M. Arnold J. Barth	C. Wilks L. Leath
Vestry Counters	8:00 - D. Rushing B. Charles 10:30 - N. Collins S. Clark	8:00 - G. Whitwell D. Rushing 10:30 - T. Skeans S. Jones	8:00 - E. McClure E. Campbell 10:30 - C. Alford TBA	8:00 - TBA TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA	8:00 - TBA TBA 10:30 - TBA TBA
Usher Team	Team # 5	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 4	Team # 5
Greeters	Team # 2	Team # 3	Team # 4	Team # 5	Team # 1
Verger	S. Alford	J. Barbe	G. Whitwell	S. Alford	J. Barbe
Sunday School	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour Host	D. Rushing	M. Arnold	Men of Trinity	TBA	K. Hall
Parish Hall Security	G. Piler	T. Todd	N. Collins	D. Sapp	T. Kirkindoll
L.E.V.	L. Leath D. Conrad		M. Arnold W. Charles		J. Mraz D. Conrad

MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM TST Senior Ring Ceremony	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Regular Sunday Schedule	<i>6</i> 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM DOK	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 PM Compline	<i>13</i> 6:00 PM Endowment Board	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>16</i> Sharing Faith Suppers	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Senior Recognition Sunday Men of Trinity Breakfast 9:00 AM Parish Hall Youth Bowling Immediately following 10:30 AM Service 6:00 PM TST Baccalaureate	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<i>22</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>23</i> 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM TST Closing Exercises	<i>24</i> 7:00 PM TST Graduation Ceremony	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Regular Sunday Schedule	<i>27</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED In observance of Memorial Day	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Scholars 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	
<u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist						