



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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## TRINITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Trinity Sunday, an annual Feast Day in the Christian calendar that recognizes this central doctrine of the Christian faith. We will combine our two worship services on that day, worshipping together at 9:30 AM. Often, I hear from parishioners that they just don't know the people in the "other" worship service. Well, this is an opportunity for us to be together as one church family and worship together and get to know one another. Last year we gathered after the service for a picnic in the back of the church property. We declared this day of festivities as a Trinity Homecoming Celebration. While we aren't emphasizing the homecoming theme this year, we still want you to invite former members to join us in this celebration of Trinity Sunday.

Celebrating our life together as a church always includes a celebration of the past. Our Sunday morning bulletin cover states that we are "Grounded in Tradition." There is a lot about our past and our traditions to be celebrated here at Trinity. One of those traditions is the use of our Conference Center south of town. It became apparent at our recent

Annual Meeting that there were many in our congregation who had never visited the Conference Center. Many were unfamiliar with this rich resource we have for the use of our church and its members.

The Conference Center has not been used on a consistent basis for some years now. We want to explore how this marvelous asset might best be



used for our ministry and mission in the future. Therefore, this year after we worship together in the nave we will gather at the Conference Center. There we will enjoy a wonderful picnic hosted by the Men of Trinity. I would encourage you to dress casual for Sunday worship so you can go directly out to the Conference

Center after worship.

The Men of Trinity will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. They only ask that you bring a side dish or dessert that can be shared with others. You might also want to bring something to drink for your family. Please remember the diocesan policy that no alcoholic beverages are to be present at any event hosted by the church with young children in attendance. This is a family event. You might also want to pack a blanket or camp chairs to sit in as seating is limited. It might be a good idea to bring a fishing pole to dip a line in the fishing pond.

You might also consider bringing a friend. Maybe you have a friend or family member who isn't quite ready to come to a worship service but they would love to join you for a picnic. By having the worship service at 9:30 AM there should be plenty of time for you to pick them up and then join us out at the Conference Center. This is an opportunity to enjoy old friends and make new friends. I hope you'll join us in making this day a wonderful day of celebration. See you there!

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer | Rector                            |
| Gary Whitwell            | TST Head of School                |
| Bill Bane                | Director of Music Ministries      |
| Tim Baker                | Director of Student Ministries    |
| Jacqui Baker             | Director of Children's Ministries |
| 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, Kristin Hoover |                      |                      |

# Mission of the Month

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Trinity Students will be traveling to St. Louis, MO June 27 – July 1. They will stay at Washington University, and live together in community with many other students. Their work will be focused on helping several different groups including food banks, feeding programs, homeless ministries, and a housing ministry called *Doorways* that supports women and children living with HIV, making urban gardens, networking with public schools as well as helping individual families with home repairs. Pray for safe travels and endurance while we work. Thank you for supporting Trinity Students!



## Service of Confirmation

Wednesday, May 4th • 6:30 PM

Please join us for a very special evening as confirmands from both Trinity Church and St. Michael's will be confirmed by Bishop Jeff Fisher.

**St. Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church**

909 Reel Road - Longview

## 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 of the season until September.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, MAY 8th  
8:30 PM



## TRINITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

On Trinity Sunday, May 22nd, we will be having one combined worship service (Rite II) at 9:30 AM.

Afterward, please join us at the Trinity Conference Center for lunch, prepared and hosted by the Men of Trinity.

# ST. MONDAY'S

Monday, May 2nd 11:30 AM

Come and join us for Taco Salads with all the trimmings and desserts. Afterward, we will have a rousing afternoon of BINGO! This will be our last St. Monday's for the season until September, so we hope you will come and enjoy!



## Jesus In Hollywood

Did you know that God is present in some fashion in every movie? Well, he is! Come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 PM. We meet to discuss the theology of popular movies, current and past. You watch the movie then meet up for good food and lively conversation.

The movie for May 11th is *Blue Like Jazz*

The movie for May 25th is *The Way*

Come and be part of this unique and enjoyable time of fellowship.

Location: **Bootlegger Grill**

1217 McCann Road

Group will meet in the back room.



## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY • May 15th

During the 10:30 AM Service

If you have a graduating 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 11th at  
[tbaker@trinityparish.org](mailto:tbaker@trinityparish.org)

# TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS

Baccalaureate  
Service

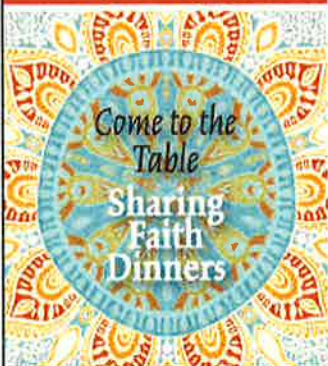
Thursday, May 19th  
6:00 PM



Graduation  
Ceremony

Thursday, May 20th  
7:00 PM

Sharing our stories is an ongoing part  
of growing together as people of God.



On May 19, 2016, churches across the United States will gather in small groups to take part in **Sharing Faith Dinners**. At each dinner, a moderator will prompt participants to share stories of their faith journey with printed questions. Sharing Faith provides a welcoming and safe way to engage one another, articulate our faith and build relationships.

If you are not already signed up for a dinner and would like to participate, please contact Dinah Rushing, Sharing Faith Dinners Coordinator at (903) 234-1929.

For more information about the sharing faith dinners, please visit  
[sharingfaithdinners.com](http://sharingfaithdinners.com)



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23, 2016



## We need volunteers !!!

Please contact Rae Minchew at 903-241-2399 or terrirae@sbcglobal.net If you are not available all four days that is okay! There are various jobs to help with....snacks, music, outdoor games or Bible story to name a few. This event is only successful if we have many volunteers, so please check your calendars and give of your time as you are able!

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*

### Spring Cleaning? Want to donate new items?

Items needed this year are water weenies, rolls of brown paper and brown crepe paper, as well as large cardboard tubes for towers, white Christmas lights, drop cloths, hardhats, flashlights, and more! If you have things to donate or to contribute new items that we will need, please contact Rae.



# DOK LUNCHEON - June 12th



On June 12th, the Daughters of the King of Trinity Episcopal Church, Longview, is hosting a luncheon and program honoring the Lydia Chapter of the Daughters of the King of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Longview, and all ladies of

both Trinity and St. Michael's.

Our keynote speaker is Edwina Thomas, retired executive director of Sharing of Ministries Abroad USA (SOMA). Edwina has served in Anglican dioceses around the globe. She has directed and served on mission teams in over 40 countries, teaching about the power of the Holy Spirit to leaders, bishops, priests, clergy, clergy wives, and lay teachers. She is a gifted teacher and speaker in intercessory prayer, healing and reconciliation. Edwina is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall, and a Daughter of the King.

There is no charge for the meal, and Edwina Thomas does not charge a fee, but a love offering will be collected for Edwina. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office at (903) 753-3366 no later than NOON on June 8th.**

## April Vestry Meeting



Prior to the April vestry meeting Fr. Kevin had distributed a link to a podcast for the Vestry to listen to before our meeting. The podcast was titled "A 10 Step Process to Regaining Momentum." A lively discussion ensued as the Vestry asked the question of whether we have indeed lost momentum at Trinity, which is the first step toward regaining lost momentum. The ten steps are: 1) recognize and admit momentum is lost 2) plan a good start 3) improve systems 4) count what counts 5) organize for success 6) celebrate wins 7) create new resources 8) expand your leadership base 9) remove complexity 10) continually improve.

While there was recognition among the Vestry that there had been a loss in momentum at Trinity, it was questioned whether that was an

opinion universally held by people in the pews. It was also recognized that there were individual areas of the church where momentum had not been lost, i.e. the young adult group. Other individuals voiced that the high quality of worship on Sunday morning might also disguise the loss of momentum in other areas that are less visible.

Robert Maly reported on the needed repairs for heating in the older building where our offices and Sunday School rooms are located. The line that brings hot water from the boiler to this building is broken and needs to be repaired. This will necessitate tearing up the back parking lot and replacing broken plumbing. We are soliciting bids at this time for the work that needs to be done.

Fr. Kevin asked the Vestry their opinions as to how we should structure our worship times on Trinity Sunday. It was the consensus of the Vestry that we should have a

combined service at 9:30 AM and then go out to the Conference Center for our Trinity Sunday picnic. Fr. Kevin also encouraged all vestry members to attend the joint Confirmation service with St. Michael's on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ten confirmands will be presented from Trinity Church at this joint service held at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church on Reel Road. The service is at 6:30 PM and The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher will be the celebrant.

A final item of business was under the category of Old Business and was a report about the condition of the building at the Conference Center. The Vestry had authorized an official inspection of the building to ascertain its condition for long term use. It was reported that the building had significant structural damage and other needed repairs. The next step in the process will be to receive estimates of the cost to repair the building. There will also be more conversation about possible uses for the property in the future.



# MAY 2016

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday*

|      |                    |      |                |      |                     |
|------|--------------------|------|----------------|------|---------------------|
| 5/02 | Scott Jones        | 5/11 | John Lenhart   | 5/24 | Douglas Johnston    |
| 5/03 | Bryan Wilks        | 5/11 | Georgia Scott  | 5/25 | Clair Balliett      |
| 5/03 | Brandt Thorson     | 5/13 | Brandt Thorson | 5/25 | Patricia Cunningham |
| 5/06 | Linda Thomas       | 5/15 | Pearl Thorpe   | 5/25 | Christian Howard    |
| 5/07 | Karen Frith        | 5/16 | Stephen Sparks | 5/27 | Allen McReynolds    |
| 5/07 | Wyvonne Willoughby | 5/18 | Laura Jenkins  | 5/27 | Sloane White        |
| 5/08 | Karen Hall         | 5/19 | Owen Robertson | 5/28 | David Brown         |
| 5/09 | Wiley Thomas       | 5/20 | Jeanne Scott   | 5/29 | Heather Bane        |
| 5/10 | Sammy York         | 5/21 | Annabeth Baker | 5/31 | Leo Butter Jr.      |
| 5/11 | Bolton Alford      | 5/21 | Crystal Owen   |      |                     |

### *Happy Anniversary*

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 5/21 | Trudy and Tom Taylor         |
| 5/23 | Peggy and Michael Rochford   |
| 5/25 | Debra and Reagan McLemore    |
| 5/26 | Tovah and Alan Robertson     |
| 5/27 | Barbara and Douglas Johnston |
| 5/27 | Beverly and Terry Todd       |
| 5/29 | Diana and Jim Mears          |
| 5/30 | Clair and David Balliett     |
| 5/31 | Julie and Stan Hayes         |

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of May – Lectionary Year C

| Date  | May 1<br>The Sixth<br>Sunday of Easter                                    | May 8<br>The Seventh<br>Sunday of Easter  | May 15<br>Pentecost<br>Sunday  | May 22<br>Trinity<br>Sunday  | May 29<br>Second Sunday<br>after Pentecost   |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| First Reading<br>Psalm<br>Second<br>Reading<br>Gospel           | Acts 16:9-15<br>Psalm 67<br>Revelation 21:10,<br>22-22:5<br>John 14:23-29 | Acts 16:16-34<br>Psalm 97<br>Revelation 22:12-<br>14, 16-17, 20-21<br>John 17:20-26 | Acts 2:1-21<br>Psalm 104:25-35,<br>37<br>Romans 8:14-17<br>John 14:8-17, (25-<br>27) | Proverbs 8:1-4,<br>22-31<br>Psalm 8<br>Romans 5:1-5<br>John 16: 12-15  | I Kings 18:20-21,<br>(22-29), 30-39<br>Psalm 96<br>Galatians 1:1-12<br>Luke 7:1-10 |
| Altar Team  | Crittenden Team   | Mann Team   | Baker Team   | Collins Team   | Campbell Team  |
| Verger  | J. Barbe  | C. Collins  | M. Wilks   | S. Alford  | J. Barbe   |
| Coffee Hour   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Flower<br>Delivery  | J. Barth<br>B. Crittenden   | C. Prior<br>D. Skeans   | L. Leath<br>J. Walters   | M. Arnold<br>D. Fricks   | J. Barth<br>C. Wilks   |
| Early Service   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Ushers  | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliler  | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliler  | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliler   | Only one<br>combined<br>service will be<br>held today at<br>9:30 AM so<br>we can gather<br>at the<br>Conference<br>Center for a<br>picnic after<br>the service | E. Campbell<br>M. Pliler   |
| Greeters  | Charles Team  | Maly Team   | Charles Team   |  | Charles Team   |
| Acolyte   | G. McWhorter  | T. Gignilliat   | N. Collins   |  | G. Rushing   |
| Lay Readers<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reader<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | L. Snider<br>G. McWhorter   | B. Charles<br>J. Welge  | J. Hall<br>N. Collins  |  | B. Charles<br>G. Rushing   |
| L. E. M.  | L. Snider<br>G. McWhorter   | B. Charles<br>J. Welge  | J. Hall<br>N. Collins  |  | B. Charles<br>G. Rushing   |
| Late Service  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Ushers  | Crittenden Team   | Jones Team  | Kirkindoll Team  | Thorson Team   | Crittenden Team  |
| Greeters  | Gray Team   | Skeans Team   | Barbe Team   | Kirkindoll Team  | Gray Team  |
| Acolytes  | Team 3  | Team 1  | Team 2   | Team 3   | Team 1   |
| Lay Readers<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reader<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | H. Barth<br>A. Robertson  | C. Thorson<br>G. Rushing  | L. Sticher<br>J. Fowler  | J. Sawyer<br>S. York   | J. Sloan<br>H. Barth   |
| L. E. M.  | H. Barth<br>A. Robertson  | J. Hall<br>G. Rushing   | A. Robertson<br>J. Fowler  | J. Sawyer<br>S. York   | J. Sloan<br>H. Barth   |
| L. E. V.  |   | B. Charles<br>C. Grotemat   |  | J. Mraz<br>N. Collins  |  |

# May 2016

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                 | Sat       |
|---|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>Regular Sunday Schedule<br>5:30 PM Young Adult/<br>Young Family Fellowship<br>Coffee Café   | <b>2</b><br>11:30 AM St. Monday's                         | <b>3</b><br>5:30 PM Handbell<br>Ensemble Practice<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal | <b>4</b><br>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist<br>6:30 PM Confirmation<br>Service at St. Michael's<br>Church  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                            | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>Regular Sunday Schedule<br>8:30 PM Compline   | <b>9</b><br>5:30 PM Daughters<br>of the King              | <b>10</b><br>6:00 PM Senior Men's<br>Dinner   | <b>11</b><br>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist<br>5:30 PM Handbell<br>Ensemble Practice<br>6:00 PM Jesus in<br>Hollywood<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>Regular Sunday Schedule<br><b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br><b>SENIOR RECOGNITION</b><br><b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 AM Breakfast<br>Provided by TST Admin<br>Team<br>5:30 PM Parent's Night<br>Out  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b><br>6:00 PM Vestry   | <b>18</b><br>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist<br>5:30 PM Handbell<br>Ensemble Practice<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal                                  | <b>19</b><br>6:00 Sharing Faith<br>Dinners<br>6:00 PM TST<br>Baccalaureate Service | <b>20</b><br>7:00 PM TST Graduation | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br><b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b><br><b>CELEBRATION</b><br><br><b>ONE SERVICE AT</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b><br><b>Lunch at Conference</b><br><b>Center following service</b> | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>12:15 PM Holy Eucharist<br>5:30 PM Handbell<br>Ensemble Practice<br>6:00 PM Jesus in<br>Hollywood<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>                           | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>Regular Sunday Schedule  | <b>30</b><br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b><br><b>OFFICES CLOSED</b> | <b>31</b>   |  |  |                                     |           |
| <b><u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u></b><br>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist<br>9:00 AM Coffee Hour<br>9:15 AM Adult Christian Education<br>10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist  |   |   |  |  |                                     |           |

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### May Special Events

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| 2nd         | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall   |
| 4th         | Bishop Fisher Confirmation Service, 6:30PM , St. Michael's Episcopal Church   |
| 8th         | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave (Last Compline of the Season)   |
| 11th & 25th | Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill   |
| 15th        | Senior Recognition Sunday, 10:30 AM Service   |
| 19th        | Sharing Faith Dinners, 6:00 PM  |
| 19th        | Trinity School of Texas Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM, Nave  |
| 20th        | Trinity School of Texas Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Nave  |
| 22nd        | Trinity Sunday - <b>9:30 AM SERVICE</b> (One service only that Sunday)<br><b>followed by lunch at Trinity Conference Center</b> |
| 30th        | Memorial Day - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED  |

### June Special Events

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1st             | Eucharistic Praise Service, 5:30 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Worship, St. Michael's Church |
| 8th & 22nd      | Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill                                     |
| 20th - 23rd     | Vacation Bible School, 9:00 AM - Noon   |
| 27th - July 1st | Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis, MO   |