



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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The Lord is Our Shepherd

I have racked my brain to come up with a proper metaphor to describe the transition period that Trinity will embark on in the coming months. With the announcement of my departure at the end of June, Trinity is entering into a new phase of life. It is certainly a time of change and uncertainty, but members of the Vestry and other leaders in the parish have been here before. The diocesan staff will guide and support you along the way. Most importantly, God is watching over Trinity Episcopal Church.

Maybe the best way to remember that God is watching over Trinity Church is found in the promises of Psalm 23. *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake."* Even though transitions involve change, the Psalmist invites us not to be anxious about change, but to rest in God's constant vigilance and care for us.

When I think of all the things that we have been through together over the last fourteen years, I can see God's loving hand

in the good times and the bad. In particular, I have seen God's goodness in the midst of difficult times. God has been with us in the midst of those times when we have lost loved members of our church family or church staff. As I reflect back on those moments, I'm reminded of His promise, *"Yea,*



though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

God's goodness follows us throughout all of our life moments – both wonderful and difficult, fulfilling His promise, *"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."* But the greatest promise of all is that God desires

nothing but goodness and greatness for Trinity. *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

Some years ago a mentor of mine, Fr. Kevin Martin, did a teaching where he separated a parish into four groups based on whether they were at the church prior to the rector's arrival and in comparison to the age of the rector: Pillars, Children of the Pillars, Allies and Friends. He then spoke a difficult but important word for each group to hear. The Pillars need to understand that the church is not their church. The Children of the Pillars need to understand it's not their parent's church. The Allies need to understand that it's not the rector's church. And, the Friends need to understand that the church is not just their church.

During this time of transition, we should be reminded that Trinity is God's church. And as such, God is watching over it, preparing even now the heart of the priest that God will call to shepherd this church into a new era of blessing and prosperity.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	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		
Treasurer, Andrew Snell		
Clerk of the Vestry, Tricha Wilcox		

Mission of the Month



This year's summer mission trip will allow the youth of Trinity to travel to Denham Springs, Louisiana and assist with the major floods of 2016. We will work alongside other Episcopal Churches in our dioceses serving with the St. Bernard's Project to help with disaster relief. After a disaster, victims need recovery to be as prompt and predictable as possible in order to limit the time they're made to suffer the effects of displacement. Our youth will literally help in the rebuilding of low-to-moderate income homes with a special emphasis on families with small children, the elderly, disabled persons, and war veterans. The youth will have duties that may include hanging insulation or drywall, mudding/spackling, sanding, texturing, priming, painting, laying floors, and/or hanging trim, doors, and baseboards. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel, work, serve and become God's handiwork.

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good"

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 14 • 8:30 PM

ST. MONDAY'S

Monday, May 1st 11:30 AM

Come and join us for Taco Salads with all the trimmings and desserts.



Afterward, we will welcome Francye Phillips, owner of the Blue Door Antiques who will present a talk on the White House.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY • MAY 21st

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 Rae Dickson, Director of Student Ministries by May 15th at terrira@sbcglobal.net

Music at Trinity for the Month of May

May 2nd • 7:30 PM

Felix Mendelssohn's
"ELIJAH"

Performed by the East Texas Community Chorus and the
Longview Symphony Orchestra
Directed by Dr. Jim Taylor

May 12th • 12:20 PM - 1:00 PM

Bach's Lunch Recital

Performed by Jay Callender
Organist, First United Methodist Church
Bring a lunch to eat in Parish Hall at 11:45 AM

Youth Events for May

May 14th • 5:30 PM • TST Gym
Basketball and Pizza

May 28th • 5:30 PM • TOC
Pizza, Popcorn, and Movie

Movie will be *I Am Not Ashamed*, which chronicles the
events of the Columbine incident from the words and
journal entries of victim Rachel Joy Scott.

On May 19th, the Diocese of Texas will sponsor Episcopal
Night at the Ballpark at the Astros Stadium in Houston. If
you would be interested in going, possibly as a group,
please contact Rae ASAP at terrirae@sbcglobal.net



VBS 2017

June 19 — June 22 • 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Register On-Line on the church web page at
www.trinityparish.org • Click on the link located in the
announcement box at the bottom of the page

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Join us for Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School! Register your kids today or sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper.

I am overwhelmed by the amount of support that the Children's Ministry received through our new event, *Road to Resurrection*. Eighteen children between the ages of Preschool through 5th grade experienced the last week of Jesus' life before His crucifixion. We ended on the Road to Emmaus meeting someone who had seen the resurrected Jesus! There was singing. There was a conga line! We rejoiced in the fact that Jesus is alive! But there was also prayer. There was an opportunity for the children to decide if they wanted to be followers of Jesus. It was a wonderful night, but it could not have happened without an amazing cast of volunteers! I want to express a huge THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped. You brought to life the reality of Christ's love for each of us. It is a true gift for the children that they will remember for years to come. For more pictures, you can visit our Facebook page: [TrinityEpiscopalChildren](#). You are all greatly appreciated, Jacqui Baker



TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS
Baccalaureate Service
Thursday, May 19th • 6:00 PM

Graduation Ceremony
Friday, May 19th • 7:00 PM

TRINITY VETERANS OUTREACH

Several veterans gathered at Teague Park to enjoy the most patriotic park in our area. There are memorials for every war in which America has been involved. It is good to remember and pray for all the fallen military personnel. We spoke with one veteran who picks up trash in the park and also was able to answer a civilians question regarding the Vietnam Wall. Lynn Abernathy has kin folk on the Vietnam Wall, Hugh Norwood, killed in action in 1967. She made a pencil rubbing of his name for the family. Four of Gayland and Dinah Rushing's classmates are on the wall, all killed in action, Gus Alexander in 1967, Ronald McElroy in 1969, Stephen Barnes in 1970 and Gerald Calhoun in 1971. There are five Vietnam Walls in America and Longview is blessed to have one in our community. If you have not visited Teague Park, we highly recommend going there and be prepared to spend a little time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 5:30-7:00p.m. in Guild Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, because May 14th is Mothers Day. We will have two very special speakers, retired US Air Force Lt Col Richard Jurkowski (Executive Director of Veterans Recognition Foundation) and his wife retired US Air Force MSGT Gail Jurkowski. They will be presenting a program, via power point, regarding the monuments in Teague Park. Trinity Veterans Outreach (TVO) group plans to volunteer at the park to clean/maintain monuments as needed. We also are inviting the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to participate with the Veterans on a schedule to be determined later.

Remember - freedom is never free!
Fair winds and smooth seas.



.....and **WANTED!** Included in last month's "Trumpet", was a recent update of our "APOSTLES" org chart. With approval by Fr. Kevin, credit for the inclusion goes to one of the MANY parishioners who have responded to the Vestry's invitation to give us ideas or suggestions.

The APOSTLES grid was developed as a "visual" reminder of most (but not all) of the missions and services Trinity Church offers. But upon closer observation one could see there are vacancies in leadership and areas where one person is leading more than one area that SHOULD and COULD be taken by a willing parishioner.

While we consider the "openings", we are also discussing where we might add to some areas that appear to have room for expansion consistent with the interests and /or experience of those not already overloaded. (Note that help may be needed only on an occasional basis but it will be one that is important, i.e., the parish library, office volunteer with desktop publishing skills, etc!)

While our mission and outreach leadership and participation are strong, some of the suggestions the Vestry have been given include revisiting "Community of Hope", organizing a "Fourth Day" group for parishioners who have participated in Cursillo or promoting attendance at Cursillo to those who have an interest, exploring Stephens Ministries and ECW, and, in collaborative opportunities with the Episcopal Health Foundation that could result in a ministry growing from TEC.

Given the recent announcement of Fr. Kevin's impending departure, there is an even more important reason as well as an urgent need for new volunteers to step up and share their time and talent as able! Have you thought of where YOU might fit as an "APOSTLE"? Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, hold up YOUR hand and know that YOUR help is needed and will be appreciated! ***As the old adage goes, "if you see a turtle on a fencepost, you can be sure it didn't get there by itself".***

I'm proud and blessed to serve!
Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden



April's Vestry meeting opened with prayer for the concerns on the hearts of vestry members. The agenda was then approved with the addition of a discussion of the sound system in the nave. The minutes were then approved with minor corrections. In the unforeseen absence of the Treasurer due to work complications the March financials were then presented by Fr. Kevin. March was a strong month financially with above-budget pledge and non-pledge giving. This resulted in a \$5,334.60 surplus for the month of March. Year-to-date we have a \$8,944.58 deficit for the first quarter of the year but this is significantly below the anticipated deficit.

Brenda Alexander asked about existence of photographic records of the church property. This was a suggestion offered at a recent Vestry workshop conducted by the diocese that a number of Vestry members attended. Fr. Kevin

referred her to George Pliler who handles the insurance issues for the church. Cherry Sikes asked about monies in the hand bell designated fund account. Fr. Kevin said that if it was determined that these monies were no longer needed at some point in the future they could be reallocated by an action of the Vestry. However, there is reticence to move any designated funds as they were given for a specific purpose. Only when there is assurance that they will no longer be used for the purpose they were given would such an action be taken.

Robert Maly, Jr. Warden, noted that a number of pews had veneer that was pulling away. There is little that can be done for these pews other than gluing on any remaining veneer and then stain the underlying particle board to match the existing veneer. Karen Frith brought up the issue of the sound system in the nave. In particular, the difficulty experienced on Palm Sunday with the pulpit microphone was addressed. Fr. Kevin said that there were a number of issues that contributed to the difficulty. The following actions will be taken to address the problem; training of the

vergers, determining whether additional speakers are need, and contacting the vendor to see if adjustments need to be made to the pulpit microphone. Fr. Kevin also encouraged people to address the issue of poor sound quality immediately with the verger on duty rather than wait until after the worship service is completed.

Cherry Sikes reported that our the Long Range Planning Committee's meeting on April 30th will be rescheduled due to a conflict with Molly Carnes schedule. Individual teams are still working in the seven areas designated as goals for Trinity in the next three to five years. Cherry followed with a discussion of Trinity Sunday on June 11th. It was decided that we should return to the Trinity Conference Center with Men of Trinity preparing the meat entrée. The last item of business was the submission of Fr. Kevin's resignation to the Vestry effective June 30, 2017. Fr. Kevin informed the Vestry that he would be sending a letter to the parish the next day to inform the church of this change.



MAY 2017
Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

5/02	Scott Jones	5/11	Georgia Scott	5/25	Patricia Cunningham
5/03	Brandt Thorson	5/13	Mary Margaret Hart	5/25	Christian Howard
5/03	Bryan Wilks	5/15	Pearl Thorpe	5/27	Allen McReynolds
5/06	Linda Thomas	5/16	Stephen Sparks	5/27	Sloane White
5/07	Karen Frith	5/18	Llaura Jenkins	5/28	David Brown
5/07	Wyvonne Willoughby	5/19	Owen Robertson	5/29	Heather Bane
5/08	Karen Hall	5/20	Jeanne Scott	5/30	Tom Tiefenwerth
5/09	Wiley Thomas	5/21	Annabeth Baker	5/31	Leo Butter Jr.
5/10	Sammy York	5/21	Crystal Owen		
5/11	John Lenhart	5/25	Clair Balliett		

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	Beverly and Terry Todd
5/30	Clair and David Balliett
5/31	Julie and Stan Hayes

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of May – Lectionary Year A

Date	May 7 The 4th Sunday of Easter	May 14 The 5th Sunday of Easter	May 21 The 6th Sunday of Easter	May 28 The 7th Sunday of Easter
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
Altar Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team
Verger	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe
Coffee Hour	D. Skeans	M. Arnold	D. Whitwell	K. Frith / P. Shappell
Flower Delivery	J. Barth B. Crittenden	C. Prior D. Skeans	L. Leath J. Walters	M. Arnold D. Fricks
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler	E. Campbell M. Piler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	T. Gignilliat	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat	J. Hall
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	J. Welge B. Charles	J. Hall G. McWhorter	B. Charles J. Welge	G. Rushing J. Hall
L. E. M.	J. Welge B. Charles	J. Hall G. McWhorter	B. Charles J. Welge	G. Rushing J. Hall
Late Service				
Ushers	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	V. Boaz J. Sawyer	J. Fowler S. York	D. Conrad A. Robertson	L. Sticher J. Sloan
L. E. M.	V. Boaz J. Sawyer H. Barth	J. Fowler S. York C. Grotemat	D. Conrad A. Robertson J. Hall	A. Robertson J. Sloan H. Barth
L. E. V.		C. Grotemat M. Arnold		J. Mraz N. Collins

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 11:30 AM St. Monday's	<i>2</i> 7:30 PM Music at Trinity Masterworks Concert	<i>3</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Young Adult Fellowship 5:30 PM Veteran's Outreach - Teague Park 5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School 5:30 PM Middle School Youth Lesson	<i>8</i> 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	<i>9</i> 6:00 PM TST Senior Ring Ceremony 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	<i>10</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 12:20 PM Bach's Lunch Concert	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Sr. High Youth Basketball and Pizza 8:30 PM Compline	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM Vestry	<i>17</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>18</i> 6:00 PM TST Baccalaureate Service	<i>19</i> 7:00 PM TST Graduation Ceremony EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Regular Sunday Schedule SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY - 10:30 AM Service 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School	<i>22</i> 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Middle School and Senior High Movie, Popcorn and Pizza Night	<i>29</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir			
			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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May Special Events

1st	St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
2nd	Music at Trinity Masterworks Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave
12th	Bach's Lunch Recital, 12:20 PM, Nave
14th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
18th	TST Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 PM, Nave
19th	TST Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Nave
21st	Senior Recognition Sunday, 10:30 AM Service
29th	Memorial Day - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

June Special Events

19th - 22nd	Vacation Bible School, 9:00 AM - Noon
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