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GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Ah, the joy of waking up to cool mornings! Fall has finally arrived and as we enter the month of November our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has become a special holiday in the Wittmayer household. As a clergy family who is always busy during Advent and Christmas, Thanksgiving is the holiday where we are able to relax a little and enjoy our extended family.

This is Stewardship season, as well. Above all else, our personal stewardship is a grateful thanksgiving to God for the many blessings he has showered upon us. Of course those blessings first and foremost are the family that gathers at Thanksgiving. Next is our wonderful church family for which we also thank God. It is the blessing of that church family that motivates our stewardship. When Pamela and I first started our journey of stewardship years ago with proportional giving, we gave out of obligation rather than blessing. Now we give out of Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

One of those church blessings is the dedicated people I am with this morning as we meet with our congregational coach, Molly Carnes. This morning we are wrestling with

how God wants us to use our blessings to bless others. What is it that God is calling us to do over the next 3-5 years? We have been blessed with incredible resources at Trinity and stewardship is asking the question, how we can best use these resources to God's glory?



Yesterday our parochial school, Trinity School of Texas, had their Family Day program, which featured the students from three year olds to 8th graders. I wish that every parishioner could have been present at the program. Most of the music that was preformed embodied the Christian message. In large part that is due to the faithful ministry of the Lower School music teacher, Michelle Stone. She is such a blessing to our school. I was particularly touched by the children who sang the song "Give Thanks:"

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus
Christ, His Son*

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I give great thanks for each and every one of the students at Trinity School of Texas. If you want to see how the church is touching the lives of others and has the opportunity to touch even more lives, visit Trinity School of Texas or attend one of their programs. Their next program is the Canned Food Service on November 16th where the children present the cans of food they have collected for Thanksgiving Baskets. Better yet, get involved in the life of the school by volunteering at the school. In the gospels, Jesus tells us to love our God and our neighbor. While we have many different neighbors, Trinity School of Texas is our oldest and closest neighbor.

This season of Thanksgiving I give thanks that Trinity Episcopal Church and Trinity School of Texas are partners in bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to Longview and the surrounding area.

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 Pliier	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



The mission of Hannah House is to reach out to teens and young women in a crisis pregnancy situations; to provide an alternative to abortion such as adoption or parenting; to develop better decision-making, life, and parenting skills; to further education; to build stronger belief & understanding of the family; to glorify God and share His word and answers for today's world.

For more information about Hannah House ministries, visit their website at:
www.plministries.org

Trinity Church Ingathering Sundays



OCTOBER 30
NOVEMBER 6

On these two Sundays we will collect pledge cards and give thanks to God for his provision and blessings upon us and our church.



RE M I N D E R

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday November 6th**

Please remember to set your clocks back (gain an hour) at 2:00 AM



We gather together to celebrate God's bountiful goodness to us and our parish!

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Harvest Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 16th
6:00 PM • Parish Hall**



ST. MONDAY'S

November 7th

11:30 AM

Please come and enjoy a wonderful feast of turkey & dressing, sides, and desserts.

Bill Bane will share about his summer sabbatical trip to England and Scotland as part of a guest choir which sang in three English Cathedrals. Bill and Heather will also share about their vacation together in England and Scotland and their trips to the Western Isles of Scotland.

Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline choir in the beautiful, acoustic and darkened nave.

Afterward, please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Guild Hall.

Sunday, November 13 • 8:30 PM



Trinity School of Texas
Invites you to attend
their annual

Veteran's Day Program

November 11, 2016
10:00 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Veterans Outreach

The October 2016 meeting was conducted by Travis Prior in Gayland Rushing's absence. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Star Spangled Banner sung by all. Creating a mission statement was the main topic of discussion and will continue into the November 13, 2016 meeting. Veterans Day (Nov 11th) this year will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 13, 2016. We are busy gathering photos, in uniform, to be displayed and veterans available to answer questions between services, before Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our stories.

Remember, freedom is not free!



TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS

Canned Food Service
November 16th • 10:00 AM

Canned food donations will help assist Longview Community Ministries in meeting the needs of hungry families this Thanksgiving.



Children's Ministry

Children's Church - Every Sunday Morning
During 10:30 AM Service

Children's Evening Sunday School
November 6th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Youth Events for November

Basketball and Pizza
November 6 - 5:30 PM, TST GYM

Operation Christmas Child Packing party
November 13 - 5:30 PM



Trinity Youth Ministry needs your help to reach out to children around the world!

We are collecting gifts to send to underprivileged children who will then have the opportunity to participate in a 12 week discipleship course called the Greatest Journey. A large Christmas box is located in the foyer during Sunday services and will be in the church office during the week. All gifts/donations must be collected by November 13.

Gift Suggestions

Toys such as dolls, deflated soccer ball with pump, stuffed animals, cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes

School supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books

Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soap washcloths, brushes

Accessories such as socks, t-shirts, flip flops, hairbands

Please do not include war related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures

Also, please avoid seeds, chocolate, liquids, food, lotions, vitamins, or breakable items such as snow globes

If you are unable to buy a gift but would still like to participate, a donation of \$7 per box is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of the child in need. For more information, call Rae Dickson at (903) 241-2399.

October Vestry Meeting



After opening with a time of prayer and the approval of the agenda the Vestry welcomed Gary Whitwell, Head of School at Trinity School of Texas and the school's Director of Development, Jana Krohn. Gary and Jana thanked the Vestry for the parish's support of the school through their contribution to the Annual Fund. Tuition only covers approximately 85% of the cost per student. The Annual Fund along with the school's Spring Gala are the primary source of income to fund the 15% funding gap. They reported that things are going well at the school with enrollment above the 300 for the first time in a number of years.

Andrew Snell, our treasurer reported that the September financials showed a marked improvement. He is hopeful that we have left the summer financial doldrums behind. There were no unusual variances from the monthly budget. Christine Prior, Stewardship

Committee Chairperson reported that a letter from the committee along with 2017 pledge cards will be sent out before the end of the week. The first of two Ingathering Sundays will be October 30th. John Hall reported the completion of HVAC repairs for the Sunday School building.

Fr. Kevin began his report reminding the Vestry that Molly Carnes, our congregational coach, will be with us on Saturday, October 22nd. Her work will focus on identifying 5-7 objectives for the parish to undertake in the coming 3-5 years. In preparation for that meeting the Mission Statement developed at last month's meeting with Molly was presented for Vestry approval. "Loving God and others we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship and service" The Mission Statement was approved unanimously.

Discussion about the nomination process for Vestry then followed. Fr. Kevin described a tool of analysis that he learned at his most recent continuing education. He invited the Vestry to each take a copy of the most current church

directory and qualify each person in the congregation using the categories of analysis. Fr. Kevin then asked the Vestry to submit to the nominations committee chair Kim Howard a list with the ten highest rated individuals that resulted from their analysis. They were also invited to submit any other names that they feel would be good potential Vestry members even if they didn't make their top ten list of names. Vestry members noticed a number of errors in the church directory that they were given and Fr. Kevin asked that they submit corrections either to him or Tim Baker, our Parish Administrator.

Fr. Kevin asked that a thank you note be sent to Patsy Charles thanking her for preparing the breakfast buffet for the recent Molly Carnes workshops. The meeting ended with a brief discussion about a replacement for Kristen Hoover as Clerk of the Vestry who has to step down from the position due to family obligations. There was also a limited discussion about Bishop Fisher's meeting with the Vestry after his most recent visitation.



NOVEMBER 2016

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

11/01	Michael Rochford	11/16	Robyn Kay	11/25	Nancy Sawyer
11/03	Dinah Rushing	11/18	Travis Prior	11/26	Jeanne Mann
11/06	Nancy Jackson	11/18	Ed Rast	11/27	Mary Clark
11/06	Bob Montgomery	11/18	Mary Wilkinson	11/28	Courtney Thorson
11/07	Mary Lou Smith	11/20	Courtney Harris	11/28	Gary Whitwell
11/07	Lanette Sapp	11/22	Cleburne McAllister	11/28	Pamela Wittmayer
11/11	Jennifer Fadal	11/24	Susan Brown	11/30	Luke Jenkins
11/14	Dee Shappell	11/24	Bob Mann		
11/14	Lainey Stevens	11/25	Matt Barr		

Happy Anniversary

11/03	Ann and Zach White
11/05	Lindsay and Joe Mraz
11/06	Patsy and Art Machin
11/08	Ethel and Barney Branch
11/10	Krystle and John-Michael Spates
11/14	Margaret and Jim Partin
11/18	Lainey and Scott Stevens
11/19	Lanette and Doug Sapp
11/21	Susie and Paul French
11/28	Wyvonne and Hal Willoughby
11/29	Martha and George Joseph

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of November – Lectionary Year C

Date	November 6 All Saints Sunday	November 13 The 26 th Sunday after Pentecost	November 20 The Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 27 The 1 st Sunday of Advent
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Isaiah 65:17-25 Canticle 9 2 Thess. 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 4 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team
Verger	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks
Coffee Hour	L. Leath	K. Frith & P. Shappell	D. Fricks	P. Charles
Flower Delivery	B. Crittenden C. Prior	M. Arnold J. Barth	D. Fricks C. Wilks	M. Harkrider J. Walters
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	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat	N. Collins
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	L. Snider J. Welge	B. Charles G. McWhorter	G. Rushing G. Hoover	J. Hall N. Collins
L. E. M.	L. Snider J. Welge	B. Charles G. McWhorter	G. Rushing G. Hoover	J. Hall N. Collins
Late Service				
Ushers	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team
Greeters	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	L. Sticher N. Collins	Z. Brown J. Sloan	V. Boaz J. Sawyer	R. McPhee J. Fowler
L. E. M.	A. Robertson N. Collins S. York	G. Rushing J. Sloan J. Fowler	V. Boaz J. Sawyer A. Robertson	A. Robertson J. Fowler H. Barth
L. E. V.	J. Mraz N. Collins		L. Leath C. Collins	

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4:00 PM New Diocesan Office Dedication - Tyler	3	4	5
6 Regular Sunday Schedule TIME CHANGE 5:30 PM Youth Basketball and Pizza 5:30 PM Young Adult/ Young Family Fellowship 5:30 PM Children's Evening Sunday School	7 11:30 AM St. Monday's	8 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	9 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10	11 10:00 AM TST Veteran's Day Service	12
13 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Youth - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 5:30 PM Veteran's Outreach Meeting 8:30 PM Compline	14 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	15 6:00 PM Vestry	16 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM TST Canned Food Service 6:00 PM Harvest Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal Immediately Following Harvest Dinner	17	18	19
20 Regular Sunday Schedule	21 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	22	23 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	24 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING 	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Schedule FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	28	29	30 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
<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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November Special Events

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| 6th | Second Ingathering Sunday |
| 11th | TST Veteran's Day Service, 10:00 AM, Nave |
| 13th | Youth - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, 5:30 PM, Youth Room |
| 16th | TST Canned Food Service, 10:00 AM, Nave |
| 16th | Fall Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 24th - 25th | Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |

December Special Events

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| 6th | Pine Tree High School Christmas Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 8th | TST La Posada Service, 6:00 PM, Nave |
| 18th | Hanging of the Greens, 12:00 PM, Nave |
| 18th | Blue Christmas: Service of Reflection for the Longest Night, 6:00 PM, Nave |
| 24th | Christmas Eve Family Service, 6:00 PM, Nave (5:30 PM Pre-Service Music) |
| 24th | Christmas Eve Traditional Service, 11:00 PM, Nave (10:30 PM Pre-Service Music) |
| 25th | Christmas Day, "Said Service" 10:30 AM, Nave |