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## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

I am truly excited about the conversations that I am having with the parishioners of St. Michael's Episcopal Church across town. Over the summer I met with their Senior Warden, Mary Lynn Dawes, and this past Monday evening met with their vestry. Together we dreamt about what collaborative ministry between the two churches might look like in the near and distant future. My impression of the meeting was very positive, with a deep sense that God might be doing something very special with our two churches.

At front and center in our conversation was the possibility of hiring a clergyperson that could be shared between the two churches. Each church would assume half of the person's compensation package and thereby be entitled to half of their work week. While there is no firm job description at this time it is envisioned that this person would be employed at Trinity to help with pastoral care, spiritual counseling and assist me in my school chaplaincy work.

Of course, St. Michael's greatest need is to have a priest available for sacramental ministry

on Sunday mornings. The person would offer their community pastoral care as well as clergy leadership. To help facilitate this person's integration into both congregations, we might also consider a regular pulpit exchange where I can celebrate and preach at St. Michael's and the rector of St. Michael's could celebrate and



preach here at Trinity.

We also explored the possibilities for integration between the two communities in the area of ministry. There are opportunities for the children's program and youth program of both churches to work together and support one another in ministry. An additional avenue of collaboration is the promotion of each other's programs and special

events. St. Michael's offered a U2charist worship service at the end of September that some of our members attended and we have invited them to our Compline services, choral events and our upcoming children's events such as "Trunk or Treat."

As we move forward we are creating a small working group to begin this work of collaboration. In the beginning, Trinity's membership on this committee will be our ministry staff: Tisha, Tim, Bill and me. When the way forward becomes clearer and more concrete, we will add individuals to this committee based on their particular gifts or expertise.

Moving forward, I would ask two things of you. The first is your prayers for this working group, that we would have discernment as to how God wants us to proceed. Second, I ask that, as we offer events and programs to bring our two churches closer together, you would give serious consideration to your participation in those offerings. Pray for us. There are wonderful things yet to come.

# 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
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

## VESTRY

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
David Balliett	Harry Barth	Christy Collins
Scott Jones	John Hall	Karen Frith
Elise McClure	Kim Howard	Robert Maly
Ted Skeans	Ava Welge	Bryan Wilks
Senior Warden, John Hall		
Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Treasurer, Sammy York		
Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

# Mission of the Month

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We are proud to continue the tradition of giving toward Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Three community agencies come together to organize this great program: Salvation Army, Caring and Sharing, and Longview Community Ministries. This program credits its success to the generosity of the citizens of Longview and dedicated volunteers. Items suggested for collection include: green beans, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, soups, pasta, canned meat, dessert mixes, cranberry sauce, bread, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase turkeys. Volunteers are greatly appreciated; help is needed in the unloading, sorting, and packaging of baskets. Please call Betty Horaney at (903) 753-3661 if you are interested in volunteering. **All open plate contributions during the month of October will be given to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in November.**



### GREETERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional Greeters for both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services to supplement our existing cadre of volunteers. You will serve about 30 minutes each 4-5 weeks. No age limit; couples are welcome and will be scheduled to serve together. We will train you to be a Trinity Greeter.

Please consider joining our Greeter Ministry. Please specify which service you want to serve. Contact Bill Charles at (903-297-4430) or [wmcharles@aol.com](mailto:wmcharles@aol.com).

ST. MONDAY'S  
October 5th • 11:45 AM

Come enjoy Chicken Spaghetti with salad and awesome desserts.

We will begin eating at 11:45 AM and will follow up dinner with a stirring afternoon of bingo.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**PARKING LOT ON PADON ST.**  
**GAMES - FOOD - HAYRIDE - FACE PAINTING - LIVE MUSIC**

# EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4  
10:30 AM SERVICE

Please plan to worship with us on this special day as we give thanks to God for, not only our own Trinity School of Texas, but for all Episcopal Schools throughout the world.

## The Music at Trinity Concert Series Presents



Scott Montgomery, *Organist*  
Thursday, October 15  
7:00 PM

Renowned Chicago based concert organist Scott Montgomery will be with us to present the first concert in what will be a new annual organ concert series honoring the life of Alexander Boggs Ryan, Jr. Dr. Ryan became a phenomenon in the organ world, performing and recording on many of the worlds finest organs. He later went on to become a noted professor of organ at Michigan State University, a position he held until his death in 1979. Our magnificent pipe organ at Trinity Church is a gift by the Ryan and Butter families in honor of Alexander Boggs Ryan Jr. and his father, Alexander (Alex) Boggs Ryan, Sr.

We are delighted to present this new series and know that you will want to be part of this special celebration!



## 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, October 11 • 8:30 PM

## Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 2nd

8:15 AM

Trinity School of Texas

Bring your furry friend for a special blessing on St. Francis' Day



## 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, beginning October 14th, as we meet to watch a movie and then discuss the theology of that movie together. This will be a unique, educational and enjoyable time of fellowship.



Location: Bootlegger Grill • 1217 McCann Road  
Group will meet in the back room.

## TRINITY SENIOR MEN

Trinity Senior Men is a gathering of men age 60 and older who meet monthly on the second Tuesday of every month. We meet for conversation and fellowship over dinner in the Parish Hall at 6pm and we close with Compline. All senior men are welcome to join us. If you have a question, contact Harry Barth at 903-235-9219 or Barney Jones at 903-236-8617.

## HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE INSTALLATION OF BISHOP MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY AS THE PRESIDING BISHOP



The Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, will occur on Sunday, November 1 at noon Eastern at the Washington National Cathedral.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected and confirmed as the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention on June 27. According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, he becomes Presiding Bishop on November 1. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Sunday, November 1st, the Holy Eucharist with the Installation of the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop will be webcast live from the Washington National Cathedral. On that Sunday, we will broadcast this service at 11:00 AM in the nave so that we may participate in this wonderful service of celebration. Special bulletins will be printed to correlate with this simulcast service.

A 9:00 AM Rite II Eucharist with baptisms will also be celebrated that Sunday. We hope that you will make plans to join us on November 1st at either 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.

## VESTRY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

At the September vestry meeting, Sammy York, Treasurer reported that we had a surplus of funds in the month of August. This was good news given that we had deficits in both June and July. Year to date, we are still in a deficit position financially but hope that the next few months of giving will erase the deficiency. Robert Maly, Jr. Warden, shared that in the next few months our stained glass windows will receive needed maintenance and repairs, courtesy of the Crowder Fund. John Hall, Sr. Warden, reported that things were going well with the new presence of police security on Sunday mornings.

Fr. Kevin presented a number of items for the Vestry's consideration. It has been proposed by a parishioner that Trinity submit an application for approval as a Texas Historical Landmark. Both First Christian Church to our north and St. Anthony's are Texas Historical Landmarks. This would be a possible first step toward being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Nugget Hill neighborhood to our north is on the

National Register as a historic neighborhood.

The Vestry was encouraged to see the new and improved church website. A mini-sabbatical this coming June and July was approved for Bill Bane who has served as our Minister of Music for eight years. Among the things he will be doing to rejuvenate himself is a choir residency for two weeks in England. Fr. Kevin presented his findings from the surveys he asked parishioners to complete. He also informed the Vestry that the worship services on November 1<sup>st</sup> will be moved forward to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to accommodate a simulcast viewing from the Washington National Cathedral of the consecration of the Episcopal Church's new Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev Michael Curry.

The last item Fr. Kevin reported on was his continued conversations with our sister church in Longview, St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Over the last two months, he has been communicating with their Senior Warden, Mary Lynn Dawes and their Vestry about engaging in collaborative ministry. Discussions have even included the possibility of sharing a

clergy person who would spend fifty percent of their time at each location but be available for sacramental ministry at St. Michael's on Sunday mornings with an occasional participation in our Sunday worship. The Vestry was enthusiastic about the promise of working with St. Michael's as a united Episcopal Church presence in Longview.

Last of all, we were blessed to have our regional bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher in attendance at our meeting. We had a wonderful conversation about how Trinity might engage in missional ministry in the Longview community. There was discussion about how we might do that work collaboratively with St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The bishop did express concern that we haven't presented any people for confirmation this year and wanted to communicate that it will be his expectation that we have candidates for confirmation on his next scheduled visit. The bishop was complimentary on the energy he perceived to be present around the table as we explored ministry with St. Michael's and with future missional communities.



**“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” (Deuteronomy 15:10)**

**“We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach. If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:6-8)**

Growing our Faith through Generosity – what does that mean to you? To some, it may mean giving generously of your treasure, to some it may mean giving generously of your talents and to others it may mean giving generously of your time. To God and his Church, it means whatever he may have blessed you with, you should give generously. Faith is the avenue to step out of your comfort zone, your proverbial box, and see what God can and will do in your life, if you have faith in him, in your abilities, in your time and effort to glorify his name and serve generously.

Our Bishop has encouraged our parishioners to cultivate a “Missional” community; and while we at Trinity Episcopal Church serve other's missions faithfully and generously, it is my understanding that his desire is for one or more of us to go outside the walls of our church and be intentional in our commitment to serving our community—not to attract people to our church (that would be a bonus, not the purpose), but

to do God's work in Trinity's neighborhood, wherever that may be and however it may look. The Bishop said that it is this simple: “One Act of Service, One Name, One Story”. Commit one act of service in your neighborhood, ask someone for their name and receive their story. Developing kinships and bringing hope to the hopeless is a wonderful way to grow your faith through generosity.

This stewardship season, as you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, intentionally contemplate what you believe God is calling you to do. Is it inside the walls of Trinity Episcopal Church or outside? Your treasure, talents and time are your God given attributes and he wants you to grow in your faith and feel his warm, reassuring and gentle arms wrapping around you generously and lovingly. Shouldn't everyone feel this kind of love?

**Elise G. McClure,  
Stewardship Committee Chairperson**



# OCTOBER 2015

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday*

10/01	Jacqui Baker	10/11	Susie Sheffield	10/24	Bill Charles
10/03	George Joseph	10/12	Nicole Baker	10/25	Robert Heitkamp
10/03	Dee Anne Sloan	10/14	Perry Reed	10/25	Claire Alford
10/06	Ellen Hendrix	10/16	Anne Rast	10/25	Kate Hoover
10/06	Lee Pigeon	10/16	Joshua Wood	10/25	Mark Jenkins
10/06	Susan Thomas	10/16	Curtis Mann	10/26	Spencer Alford
10/07	Elaine Campbell	10/19	John Barbe	10/27	Ian Owen
10/07	Anne Moore	10/19	Terry Phoenix	10/28	Patty Shappell
10/07	Zan Brown	10/19	Lynne Abernathey	10/28	Kim Montgomery
10/09	Don Bradford	10/20	Aurora Buckner	10/29	Blaine Balliett
10/11	Kim Howard	10/20	Emily Wilcox		

### *Happy Anniversary*

10/11	Charlotte and Bryan Wilks
10/17	Daphne and Blake Scott
10/19	La Juan and Joe Snider
10/25	Paula and Kim Howard
10/27	Carla and Jack Mann, Jr.

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of October – Lectionary Year B

Date	October 4 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	October 11 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	October 18 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	October 25 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
<b>First Reading</b> <b>Psalm</b> <b>Second Reading</b> <b>Gospel</b>	Sirach 6:32-37 Psalm 119:33-40 James 1:17-25 Luke 10:38-42	Job 23:1-9,16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Job 38:1-7(34-41) Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6,10-17 Psalm 34:1-8(19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
<b>Altar Team</b>	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
<b>Verger</b>	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
<b>Parish Security</b>	G. Pliler	T. Todd	T. Devon	J. Crittenden
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	C. Sikes	S. French	MOM	M. Lewis
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	D. Fricks B. Crittenden	L. Leath J. Walters	C. Prior Z. Brown	J. Barth M. Harkrider
<b>Early Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
<b>Acolyte</b>	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat
<b>Lay Readers</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	G. Hoover B. Charles	G. McWhorter J. Welge	J. Hall G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Welge
<b>L. E. M.</b>	G. Hoover B. Charles	G. McWhorter J. Welge	J. Hall G. Rushing	G. McWhorter J. Welge
<b>Late Service</b>				
<b>Ushers</b>	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
<b>Lay Readers</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader</b>	K. Sparks A. Sharp	C. Grotemat N. Collins	J. Fowler G. Hoover	C. Prior S. York
<b>L. E. M.</b>	J. Sloan A. Robertson	J. Sawyer N. Collins	J. Fowler G. Hoover	B. Charles S. York
<b>L. E. V.</b>		B. Charles C. Collins		J. Mraz M. Arnold

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:15 AM Blessing of the Animals Trinity School of Texas 	3
4 Regular Sunday Schedule <b>EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY</b> 4:30 PM Youth Hang Time 5:30 Young Adult Fellowship - Coffee Café	5 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 11:45 AM St. Monday's	6	7 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 PM Compline	12 <b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY</b> 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	13 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	14 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Jesus in Hollywood 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 PM Organ Concert	16	17
18 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Youth Small Groups	19 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group	20 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Trunk or Treat First Christian Church Parking Lot 	26 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group	27	28 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Jesus in Hollywood 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31
				<b>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist		



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## October Special Events

- 2nd Blessing of Animals, 8:15 AM, Trinity School of Texas
- 4th Youth Hang Time, 4:30 PM, Trinity Outreach Center
- 4th Episcopal School Sunday, 10:30 AM Worship
- 5th St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
- 11th Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
- 12th CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY
- 12th Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
- 13th Senior Adult Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 14th Jesus in Hollywood (Wednesday Evening Study) 6:00 PM, Location: Bootlegger Grill
- 15th Alexander Boggs Ryan Jr. Memorial Organ Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
- 18th Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM
- 25th Trunk or Treat, 5:30 PM, First Christian Church
- 28th Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill

## November Special Events

- 1st Rite II Worship with Baptism, 9:00 AM, Bishop Installation Simulcast, 11:00 AM Worship, Nave
- 1st Young Adult Fellowship, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
- 2nd St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall
- 8th & 15th Stewardship Ingathering Sundays
- 8th Youth Progressive Dinner, See [facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents](https://facebook.com/trinityepiscopalstudents) for details
- 8th Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
- 9th Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe
- 10th Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 11th Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill
- 15th Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM
- 18th Harvest Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 19th Kilgore College Children's Chorale Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
- 25th Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill
- 26th - 27th CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY