



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings

www.TrinityWoodlands.org

The Woodlands, Texas

December 25, 2016 - January 1, 2017

Weekly Services At Trinity

Sunday

7:30 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II*

11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II*

5:00 PM
Holy Eucharist Rite II*

Monday-Friday

10:00 AM
Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Childcare Available

**Questions? Call the
church office at
281.367.8113**

ARE YOU NEW TO TRINITY?

We are delighted you have joined us to worship the Lord this day! If you are a visitor to our church community, we open our hearts to you in the love and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Visitors' Table for information about Trinity Episcopal Church. Please contact Kate Lagus in the church office, or email klagus@trinitywoodlands.org with any questions.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE!

Every Sunday, please join us for coffee after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM worship services in Butler Fellowship Hall, and after the 11:00 AM service in the Parlor.

WELCOME VISITORS IN THIS HOLY SEASON

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Advent and Christmas always bring a higher number of new visitors and seekers to all churches, Trinity included. This year, we have begun some new online advertising efforts designed to reach those who are using the Internet in their search for a new spiritual home. It can be intimidating for some people to enter into a new community, and for them a warm welcome can make all the difference in the world. Be mindful of faces you don't recognize, people who look as though they aren't sure where to go, and others who might need help. As we welcome the strangers in our midst, we extend the love of Christ to them, and expand our own experience of faith.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION WITH CHURCH OFFICE

If you have moved, or changed your phone number or email address, please let Melanie know in the church office. And remember, you can opt in to receive emails from Trinity like the weekly announcements and special messages from Fr. Gerry on our website home page, TrinityWoodlands.org.

TRINITY'S VISION

We believe Jesus Christ calls us to be His true disciples. Trinity chooses to use the unique gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to become a shining example of God's love to each other and our community.

TRINITY'S MISSION

Grounded in Christ's love and surrendered to the Holy Spirit, we provide a safe and positive environment for spiritual growth of all, to welcome and serve others, to reach out to those in need and to share the Gospel.

Sunday, 12/25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*

Monday, 12/26

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Office closed

Tuesday, 12/27

9:00 AM TKC Kids Day Out (TKC)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Wednesday, 12/28

9:00 AM TKC Kids Day Out (TKC)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Nave)

10:30 AM Sit and Be Fit (WR)

1:00 PM Prime Time Guys Bible Study (WR)

Thursday, 12/29

9:00 AM TKC Kids Day Out (TKC)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Friday, 12/30

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Saturday, 12/31**Sunday, 1/1/2017**

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II-Lessons & Carols

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, 1/2

Office Closed

Tuesday, 1/3

9:00 AM TKC Jam (TKC)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 1/4

9:00 AM TKC Jam (TKC)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

10:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (N)

10:30 AM Sit and Be Fit (WR)

1:00 PM Prime Time Guys (WR)

1:15 PM Ladies Bible Study (MR)

Thursday, 1/5

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

11:00 AM Purls & Prayers (WR)

Friday, 1/6

9:00 AM TKC Fun Friday (TKC)

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (WR)

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Saturday, 1/7

2:00 PM Holy Land Trip Meeting (BFH)

* Contact Amanda Boling in the church office for questions regarding childcare.

TKC-Trinity Kids Corner, MR-Millspaugh Room, Atrium, BFH-Butler Fellowship Hall, C-Children's Bldg., K-Kitchen, L-Library, MS-Music Suite, OCR-Office Conference Room, P-Parlor, N-Nave, WR-Wesley Room, YL-Youth Loft

*The Millspaugh Room, Wesley Room, Library, Kitchen and Office Conference Room are all located in BFH.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**3901 S. Panther Creek Drive 281.367.8113****Office Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday****www.trinitywoodlands.org**

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Seveck, Rector

The Rev. Robert W. Horner, Deacon

The Rev. Vivian Orndorff, Associate Rector

Micki Balog, Director of Music Ministry

Ernest Gallegos, Facilities Manager

Betsy Delaney, Day School Director

Amanda Boling, Kids Corner Coordinator

Kate Lagus, Membership Coordinator

Liz Linger, Administrative Assistant to Parish Ministries

Megan McCready, Communications Coordinator

Larry Martz, Parish Accountant

Melanie Sheffield, Admin. Asst. to the Rector

Alyssa Stebbing, Outreach & Contemporary Music

Rev. Sean Steele, Parish Missioner, St. Isidore

STAY CONNECTED WITH TRINITY AND DIOCESEWeekly Email: trinitywoodlands.orgFacebook: facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurchDiocesan Newsletters: <http://tinyurl.com/EDOTNews>**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS**

Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you request gluten free by placing your palms face down.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the assisted listening equipment. Please turn off the receiver and put it back into the basket after the service.

ATTENDANCE

December 11, 2016	530	2015	448
December 18, 2016	498	2015	482

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

(As Approved at December 20, 2016 Vestry Meeting)

Here are our year to date financials through November 30, 2016

Our Giving: \$1,420,131 Other Income: \$217,871

Ministry and Other Expenses: \$1,713,980

Capital Campaign Received: \$1,167,579; Cash Balance: \$1,008,593

Insurance Proceeds Received and Spent: \$524,097

Reserve Fund YTD Spend: \$108,361; Cash Balance: \$49,741

Operating Liabilities: \$419,642; YTD Increase: \$176,072

Mortgage Balance: \$1,901,128; LED Loan Balance: \$103,285

**SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

ALL CLASSES RETURNING 1/8//17

8:45 AM (adult) – Wesley Room
Acts for Everyone, N.T. Wright, led by
Dale and Jan Alexander

10:15 AM (adult) – Wesley Room
Parenting with Grace
Led by Kate Lagus

Common Lectionary Bible Study
10:15-10:55 AM (adult) –OCR
Lou Barron

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's worship during the 9:00 AM
and 11:00 AM Sunday services, for
children ages 3-8. If you are interested
in helping out with CLOTW please
contact Liz Linger in the church office.

Youth Community Groups
(Sunday Night)

Youth Community for Jr. and Sr. High is
from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Butler
Fellowship Hall.

Formation as a Family, our online
hybrid formation program,
can be found at
www.FormationAsAFamily.com.
This website will be updated each
Wednesday.

WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Monday: NOT MEETING 12/26 OR 1/2/17

9:30 AM	Mom's Group*	Library	
7:00-8:30 PM	Crossways	Wesley/OCR	Mtr. Vivian Orndorff

Wednesday 12/28:

1:15 PM	Prime Time Guys	Wesley/OCR	
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Wednesday 1/4:

1:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study	Library	Nancy Farrell
1:15 PM	Prime Time Guys	Wesley/OCR	

Thursday: NOT MEETING 12/29 OR 1/5

1:00 PM	Rector's Study	Atrium 215	Fr. Gerald Sevick
7:00 PM	Rector's Study	Wesley	Fr. Gerald Sevick

Friday: NOT MEETING 12/30 OR 1/6

6:00 AM	SonRise Bible Study	Wesley Room	Bob Wolfe
9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study	Wesley Room	San West/Connie Rogers

*Childcare provided by the Trinity Kids Corner
OCR (Office Conference Room)

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

George B.	Jane H.	Carole I.	Donna H.	Violet
Wade N.	Ray S.	William S.	Don D.	Peter D.
PJ H.	Fred O.	Virginia H.	Gerry W.	Kris L.
Denny M.	Julie M.	Grant M.	Austin O.	Pamela D.
Ronnie L.	Dolores	Paul R.	Egerton	

THANKSGIVINGS

Ernest Gallegos
Birth of Adelynn Nicole Hebert, great-granddaughter of the Farrells

GUIDANCE

Peter D.	Erika	Jason	Austin O.	Rebecca
Galen	Robert			

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Samantha B.	Zeb P.	Anderson S.
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FOR THE DEPARTED

Virginia Hamill, mother-in-law of Vicki Hamill
Isaac Lombel, brother of Joseph Lombel

***If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, or a correction is needed,
please contact Mother Vivian Orndorff at vorndorff@trinitywoodlands.org or call the church office.***

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

When you are going in the hospital
When there is a birth or death in your family
When you would like to schedule a Lay Eucharistic visitor (LEV) for Holy Communion
Change in address or contact information

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES

There will be two Holy Eucharist Rite II services on New Year's Day – at 10:30 AM with Lessons and Carols, and 5:00 PM.

TRINITY CALENDAR ROOM RESERVATIONS

It's that time again! Yellow sheets are due for 2017. With our new AC/heat management program, ALL meetings must be on the calendar so they can be plugged into the program at least one week ahead of time. On the Yellow Sheet, there is a line to write the dates you will NOT have your recurring meeting. This is very important for the office to know so we don't schedule the building to be unlocked or turn on AC or heat for your room or arrange for childcare. If you haven't turned in your Yellow Sheet for 2017 please send it to Trinity, attn: Liz Linger, or bring it to the church office. Thank you for all you do for Trinity!

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION AND CAMEL RIDES

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas each year on January 6. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing." At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 8, from 10:00 –11:00 AM. Stop by the courtyard outside the church to see the wise men and join in our camel rides!

CREATIVE CONVERSATION

Join us on Friday, January 13, at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room for this workshop taught by Connie Karleta Sales. The primary objective is simple; to bring people together through art; to provide a place for conversation to begin. In a rough-cut monologue performance, I begin with my own experience. Each of us has a rich story to share. How do you find that story? I will lead a simple visual meditation technique to help in the process. Continuing, you are invited into conversation; as if having coffee with a friend. Open ended, without expectation, we can reflect in the realness of our shared lives together.

CONNECTIONS DINNER

Are you new to Trinity or looking for ways to connect to our parish? We invite you to join us for our next Connections Dinner on Sunday, January 15, at 6:30 PM. This is a great way to meet our clergy and ministry leaders, and learn more about our community. This is a relaxed and casual dinner, and the best part is you get to enjoy a great meal with no clean up! If you would like to join us, please contact Beverly Redd at bevredd@gmail.com. If you require childcare, please indicate that in your response.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us in Butler Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 15, for the Parish Annual Meeting. The meeting will begin at 10:15 AM.

COMMON TABLE FOR SENIORS

The 3rd Tuesday of every month "The Common Table for Seniors," a partnership with Lord of Life Lutheran, will meet for social hour on January 17, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Augusta Pines Country Club. For more information, contact Helen Geiger at 281.419.5178 or email: hgeiger100@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Are you interested in passing your faith on to the next generation? Assisting with the Children's Liturgy of the Word (Children's Chapel or CLOTW) is a great way to do that. Training is provided. You can assist at either the 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM service, once or twice a month. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz Linger at llinger@TrinityWoodlands.org or call the church office.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 777

Scouting is a neighborhood-centered program, run by parent volunteers, for boys that combines FUN with educational activities and lifelong values. Activities are designed to help participants build self-esteem, gain confidence, develop a sense of belonging, experience new adventures, meet new friends, and have fun. The troop meets Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in Butler Fellowship Hall. Please contact Brian Horrigan and sign up to belong to Trinity's own Troop 777 today! BLHORRIGAN@comcast.net or 281.734.9786

SIT & BE FIT

Even though Molly Carr has moved on to her new venture, Sit & Be Fit will continue to meet on Mondays at 1:30 PM and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Wesley Room. We will not meet December 26 or January 2.