



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings

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The Woodlands, Texas

December 11, 2016

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, 12/11

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
- 8:00 AM Second Sunday Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class (WR)
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
- 10:15 AM Common Lectionary Bib Study (OCR)
- 10:15 AM Parenting with Grace (WR)
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
- 3:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 777 (Atrium)
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
Bishop Doyle
- 6:00 PM Youth Community Groups (BHF)

Monday, 12/12

- 9:30 AM Mom's Devotional Group (L)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)
- 11:00 AM Prime Time Guys (BFH)
- 1:30 PM Sit and Be Fit (WR)
- 6:00 PM Taekwondo (BFH)
- 7:00 PM Crossways Bible Study (OCR)
- 7:00 PM Troop Meeting (BFH)

Tuesday, 12/13

- 9:00 AM TKC Jam (TKC)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)
- 6:30 PM DOK Meeting (L)

Wednesday, 12/14

- 9:00 AM TKC Jam (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)
- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (MR)
- 6:30 PM NAMI (A215)

Thursday, 12/15

- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)
- 11:00 AM Purls and Prayers (WR)
- 1:00 PM Rector's Bible Study (A215)
- 7:00 PM Rector's Bible Study (OCR)

Friday, 12/16

- 9:00 AM TKC Fun Friday (TKC)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)
- 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study (WR)

Saturday, 12/17

- 9:00 AM Shop and Drop (TKC)
- 10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs (A215)
- 4:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor (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 Sevick, Rector
 The Rev. Robert W. Horner, Deacon
 The Rev. Vivian Orndorff, Associate Rector
 Micki Balog, Director of Music Ministry
 Molly Carr, Community Life and Discipleship Minister
 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 DIOCESE

Weekly Email: trinitywoodlands.org
 Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch
 Diocesan 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

November 27, 2016	356	2015	428
December 3, 2016	439	2015	510

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

(As Approved at November 15, 2016 Vestry Meeting)

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

Our Giving: \$1,293,556 Other Income: \$214,990
 Ministry and Other Expenses: \$1,535,303

Capital Campaign Received: \$1,135,568; Cash Balance: \$976,582
 Insurance Proceeds Received: \$524,097; Cash Balance: \$ 4,490
 Reserve Fund YTD Spend: \$77,520; Cash Balance: \$80,531
 Operating Liabilities: \$240,531; YTD Reduction: \$3,040
 Mortgage Balance: \$1,916,451; LED Loan Balance: \$108,083

** 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, S-Sanctuary, WR-Wesley Room, YL-Youth Loft

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

**SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

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 Molly Carr or 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:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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.	Shelley L.	Gerry W.
Kris L.	Denny M.	Julie M.	Grant M.	Austin O.
Pamela D.	Ronnie L.			

THANKSGIVINGS

Alyssa S.

GUIDANCE

Peter D.	Erika	Jason	Austin O.	Rebecca
Galen				

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

***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

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! BLHARRIGAN@comcast.net or 281.734.9786

TRINITY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Trinity Christian Meditation meets each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Parlor. So the group may attend an Advent Quiet Day, we will not meet on December 11. On December 18, we will meet at 2:00 PM so we may attend the Fine Arts Series Concert. We also will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

PRIME TIME GUYS

Happy Advent! It's time for you to make a reservation for you and your guest to attend our Annual Christmas Luncheon, in Butler Fellowship Hall on December 12. Social begins at 11:00 AM, with delicious lunch to follow at 11:45 AM. Since our excellent cooks will be preparing a meal even more scrumptious than usual, the cost will be \$10 per person, or \$20 per couple. Callers, please notify Lawrence Homer of your headcount by this Thursday, December 8. Save the date: New Year's Eve party at the Percifuls; details to follow.

ST. ANNE'S GUILD

Our meeting for December is the Christmas Luncheon on December 13, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen on I-45. The cost of the lunch is \$26.00 (cash only). The program will be a fun time with Molly Carr. RSVP to Kathy Brumbaugh at 281.205.7189 by December 11 at 5:00 PM. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATION AND THANK YOU FOR MOLLY CARR

Let's party! Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM, join us as we celebrate Molly's past years at Trinity and wish her Godspeed with the next adventures in her life. Let's send Molly off with a fantastic potluck celebration. Bring your deviled eggs, meat casseroles, salads, and desserts! We will need help decorating and setting up, as well as cleaning up. Childcare is available by reservation. Contact Amanda Boling in the church office or at aboling@trinitywoodlands.org.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH!

All interested parties please join us as we green the church after the 11:00 AM service Sunday, December 18. Snacks will be available and we need plenty of helpers to have our church looking beautiful before the Trinity Fine Art Series presentation at 3:00 PM. All are welcome!

TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES CONCERT

On Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 PM, music ministers Micki Balog and Alyssa Stebbing will present an Advent concert – *Songs of Isaiah, Aquinas, and Thurmon* – A musical meditation of poets throughout the ages. As part of our Fine Arts Series, this Advent concert will weave Celtic, gospel, and folk tunes with texts from poets past and present.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Longest Night Service is a Eucharistic service held on the evening of the winter solstice, literally the longest night. This service is offered particularly for those who are grieving a loss, whoever or whatever that loss might be, during the holiday season. All are welcome to attend. Please join us Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM in the Nave. Childcare is provided.

ORNAMENTS NEEDED FOR FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild is seeking the donation of 2-3 sleeves of gold and white plastic Christmas ornaments. Please give any donation to Marta Abrams or leave in the church office prior to December 20.

SHOP AND DROP

Saturday December 17, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per family. Trinity Kids Corner is providing a day full of fun for children ages 6 weeks-12 years. Lots of exciting activities are planned including making holiday crafts, enjoying a special snack of S'mores and hot chocolate, and jumping in our bounce house! To reserve a spot for your child, please contact Amanda Boling at 281.367.8113 or email aboling@trinitywoodlands.org.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There will two Holy Eucharist Rite II services on Christmas Day – at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

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