



Trinity Episcopal Church
The Weekly Tidings
www.TrinityWoodlands.org

The Woodlands, Texas

December 18, 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, 12/18

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
- 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class (WR)
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
- 10:15 AM Common Lectionary Bible Study (OCR)
- 10:15 AM Parenting with Grace (WR)
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
- 12:45 PM Jr. Daughters of the King (WR)
- 12:45 PM Jr. Brotherhood of St. Andrews (L)
- 2:00 PM Christian Meditation (Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Fine Arts Series Advent Concert (Nave)
- 3:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 777 (Atrium)
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
- 6:00 PM Molly's Going Away Party (BFH)

Monday, 12/19

- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)
- 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, 12/20

- 9:00 AM TKC Jam (TKC)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Wednesday, 12/21

- 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)
- 7:00 PM Longest Night Service* (Nave)

Thursday, 12/22

- 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, 12/23

- 9:00 AM TKC Fun Friday (TKC)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P)

Saturday, 12/24

- 5:00 PM No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant (Nave)
- 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Nave)
- 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service-incense (Nave)

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

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| December 4, 2016 | 439 | 2015 | 510 |
| December 11, 2016 | 530 | 2015 | 448 |

** 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.**

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

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:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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| 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

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| 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. | | |

THANKSGIVINGS

Molly Carr
Birth of Adelynn Nicole Hebert, great-granddaughter of the Farrells

GUIDANCE

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| Peter D. | Erika | Jason | Austin O. | Rebecca |
| Galen | Amanda & Chris B. | | | |

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Samantha B. Zeb P. Anderson S.

FOR THE DEPARTED

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

***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. 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.

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.

NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is time for our No Rehearsal Children's Christmas Pageant! On December 24 at the 5:00 PM service, bring your children dressed in their favorite Nativity character costume. In the hallway by the music suite we will have costumes available starting at 4:30 PM. This is a No Rehearsal pageant; the kids will sit with their parents and come up to the front of the church when their character's part is being read. We need volunteers to help with costumes. Please contact Liz Linger in the church office or at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org if you can help out starting at 4:15 PM on December 24.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Christmas Eve, services will be at 5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 PM. Childcare will be available at 5:00 and 8:00 PM. There will be two Holy Eucharist Rite II services on Christmas Day – at 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM. There will also be two Holy Eucharist Rite II services on New Year's Day – at 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM. We look forward to worshipping with you in this holy season.

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.

TRINITY CALENDAR ROOM RESERVATIONS

It's that time again! Yellow sheets are due for 2017. You can download a "Yellow Sheet" on Trinity's website www.trinitywoodlands.org under Resources, click on Forms and Room Reservation Sheets or pick one up in the church office. The sooner the Yellow Sheet is turned in the better. 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!

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.