



Trinity Episcopal Church
The Weekly Tidings
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The Woodlands, Texas

November 25, 2018

YOUTH BUILDING UPDATE

With the furnishings for the Children's Ministry Building mostly funded, it's time to turn our attention to funding the Youth Building. The old TKC building will be renovated and furnished to be a dedicated space for our youth from grades 7-12. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity of the Trinity family, and hope that you will consider an additional gift of any size to support our kids as they are teenagers, in such critical years of their formation as lifelong Christians. Make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and note "Youth Building" in the memo line. Thank you all for your generosity on behalf of Trinity's current and future kids. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Trinity Tomorrow Committee.

TEDS POINSETTIA PICK-UP

The poinsettias will be available for pickup in Butler Hall on Friday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thank you for your support.

SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Holy Smokers next brunch is on December 9 in Butler Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and ham with mashed potatoes. The cost is \$7.00.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING

Join us on Sunday, December 9, at 9:15 a.m. as Bishop Doyle blesses the new Children's Ministry Building, and we celebrate this incredible milestone in our community life.

THE COMMON TABLE FOR SENIORS

The Common Table for Seniors, a partnership of Trinity Episcopal and Lord of Life Lutheran will next meet at our Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 11, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the home of one of our members. Note this is a week **earlier than usual**. Please bring an appetizer to share. More details to follow in an email from The Common Table. If you are not on our emailing list and wish to be, or if you are interested in carpooling or need a ride, please contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

By our baptism, we are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If your child has never received communion and you and they sense a desire to participate in receiving communion, we are offering First Holy Communion Classes. A class for children in grades 3 and above will meet on Sunday, December 16, in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. Please register with Father Frank by email, fsamuelson@trinitywoodlands.org, or by calling 281.367.8113.

YOUTH COMMUNITY BAKE SALE

Our youth community is sponsoring a child named Jumbe who lives in Zambia, Africa, so he can go to school. The youth make and sell freshly baked cookies every year, so they can continue supporting him. If you have already made an order, then please pick your goodies up anytime on Sunday, December 16 in Butler

Hall. If you didn't make an order, or if you want more cookies than you ordered, the youth will be selling the extra cookies after the 10:00 service.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia for the altar at Christmas services in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one, forms are located in the Narthex. Donation for each poinsettia is \$15. You can drop the form and payment in the offertory basket or give to Liz Linger in the church office. Forms are due by Monday, December 17.

NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is almost time for our No Rehearsal Children's Christmas Pageant! On December 24 at the 5:00 p.m. service, bring your children to the church dressed in their favorite Nativity character costume. We will also have costumes available starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Building. 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 set out and put together costumes. Please contact Liz Linger in the church office or at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org if you can help out starting at 4:15 p.m. on December 24.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. – The Longest Night Service*

Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. – Rite II & No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant*

Monday, December 24, 8:00 p.m. – Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (No Incense)*

Monday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (Incense)

Tuesday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. – Rite II Eucharist, Blessing of Toys

PRAYER REQUEST

HEALING

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| Kandice | Curt | Craig S. | Donna H. | George B. | Luke | Ray S. |
| Violet | Rachel | Roy S. | Lynn S. | Star | David | Dick |
| Paul | Pam D. | Catherine | Baby Kyra | Randy K. | Dane | Virlen |
| Lindsay S. | Austin O. | Mike M. | | | | |

THANKSGIVINGS

Kate Lagus

New construction

GUIDANCE

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| Ryan K. | David S. | Pam D. | Ella | Austin O. | Robin |
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FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

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| Samantha L. | Matthew S. | Zeb P. | Tyler M. | Waldo I. | Kerry B. |
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FOR THE DEPARTED

Kate Crocker

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, or a correction is needed, please call the church office

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9:15 Sunday School Class (OCR) *Spiritual Classics, Selected Readings on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines, led by Bill Carter*

Common Lectionary Bible Study (MR) 9:15 a.m. Lou Barron

Sunday School Session 3 - We'll focus on Advent in December and will meet December 9, and 16. Come and let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Classes for children, Pre-K to 6th grade, will meet in the TEDS Building at 9 a.m. There will also be a parents discussion group at the same time in TEDS. Please contact Fr. Frank Samuelson at fsamuelson@TrinityWoodlands.org or call him at the church office for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Children's worship during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service, for children ages 3-8. If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Frank.

Youth Community Groups - 7th-12th graders join us for Community Sunday nights in Butler Fellowship Hall from 6-8:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adults

Monday

7:00 p.m. Crossways Bible Study WR Fr. Frank Samuelson

Wednesday

1:15 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study MR Nancy Farrell

1:15 p.m. Prime Time Guys Bible Study WR Bill Carter

Thursday

1:00 p.m. Rector's Bible Study WR Fr. Gerry Sevick

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Friday

7:00 a.m. SONRise Bible Study WR Bob Wolfe

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study WR San West

*Child care provided by the Trinity Kids Corner

Year to date financials as of October 31, 2018 As approved at the November 2018 Vestry meeting

| Status of | Revenue | Expenditures |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Operating Funds | \$1,196,445 | \$1,241,138 |
| Ministry Designated Funds | \$266,022 | \$242,056 |
| Capital Campaign | \$2,385,733 | \$2,302,842 |
| Reserve Fund | \$34,376 | |
| Outstanding Debt as of 8/31/18 | | |

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| Advancing Term Loan | \$210,816 |
| Line of Credit | \$75,000 |
| LED Loan-PAID OFF | \$0 |
| Mortgage | \$1,701,571 |
| Operating | \$70,850 |

Thank you! Your generosity helps Trinity bring God's love to our community and the world.

Pledge a monthly donation OR one-time donation by clicking on the online giving button on the Trinity website, TrinityWoodlands.org.

Download the Trinity Episcopal Church app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store to pledge using your smartphone.

An easy way to include Trinity in your legacy is by naming Trinity as a beneficiary of your retirement plan (401k, 403b, etc.), savings, investment accounts, or life insurance policy.

Questions about pledging or giving?

Please contact Larry Martz, Parish Account at lmartz@TrinityWoodlands.org or 281.367.8113.