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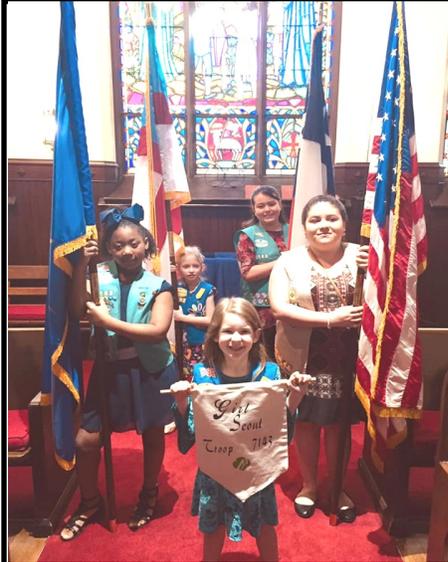
Trinity Episcopal Church's Holy Vision:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.

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Girl Scout Sunday



On Sunday, March 10th there was much going on. First of all it was the first weekend of Spring Break. There was excitement in the air amongst the children and teachers. It was also the first day of Daylight Savings Time. This led to many tired eyes in the congregation, luckily I did not spot any sleeping during the sermon. The biggest part of that Sunday though was Girl Scout Sunday. We had a few of the Girl Scouts along with their families with us for the 10:30 service. The girls posted the colors, and they were led by a first year Girl Scout who was carrying the Troop's banner. They also received a blessing for the work they do in and around our community.



We are truly blessed to host this troop. They are amongst the more active troops in our area. Juli Jameson, who is the troop leader, along with the other leaders work hard planning and facilitating activities throughout the year. During the service, you may have noticed an insert in your bulletin containing many of the things Troop 7143 does. The list truly is impressive. One of the more visible things the Girl Scouts do is selling their famous cookies. Our troop excels in this venture. Our girls were out whether it was warm and pleasant, or cloudy and downright cold. This hard work and dedication not only gave prizes to the girls, but it also helped gain money for their troop. The



best thing the girls get out of selling the cookies is learning valuable skills for their future; such as work ethic, time management, handling finances, and entrepreneur skills. We truly have a special group of girls in this troop, and are lucky to have them with us.

Do read more about the Girl Scout Troop 7143 on page 6 of this Tri-pod. There you can read more about the things they have done, and what they plan on doing. Thank you to the Girl Scouts, and their leaders.



Our Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Each Sunday evening during Lent we hold a special service called Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After a service one evening I was asked what is this service? What does it mean? This question got me thinking that others may have this question. I am sure there are some who are wondering what or why it is we do this service. In fact, I am willing to bet there are many things we do in our liturgy that leads people to wonder what we are doing, or why we are doing these things. I will answer the question about Benediction, after all we still are in lent for a couple more weeks.

What is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament? To answer that let us first look at what is Benediction. Benediction means "the utterance or bestowing of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service." This is what the service is. Part of the service the priest lifts the monstrance containing the Consecrated host and blesses the congregation with it. A monstrance is simply a vessel to hold the Consecrated Host. There is a little window in which we can see the Host. This is the purpose of the service, to receive a blessing from the Blessed Sacrament. There is much more going on in the service beyond just the blessing. All that goes on builds up to the blessing, and then allows us to revel in the blessing. However, the most important part of the service is being able to be in the presence of Christ. Being able to see His body before us.

In the service there is also a time for Adoration and Prayer. While the Blessed Sacrament is in the Monstrance we are able to glory at the presence of Christ. We are able to pray before His Body and Blood. This is an intimate moment between us, and Christ.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament came to us in 1264 on the Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body of Christ. On that feast day the Eucharist was carried around in a vessel similar to our monstrance. Today on top of being blessed by the Sacrament, we also get to experience the mystery of the Eucharist. That our Lord is truly present, body and blood, in the consecrated bread.

There are two more opportunities for this service in April. Make plans to come and be present in the midst of our Lord, and be blessed by him. The service continues through Palm Sunday.

A Word With Fr. Andrew

Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.. Later on this month some members of our young family community will embark on a journey into the woods for the Third Annual Young Family Campout. For the past two years we have been journeying to the wilderness far outside of Marshall to camp out. During the weekend we pitch our tents, eat together, play together, pray together; basically we just get to be together. Those of us who have been on this trip has found deep meaning in it. Because of this there is a sense of ownership over it that goes beyond myself. Now that I am serving as Locum Tenans I will not be able to attend the whole weekend. When I approached some of the people who were going they pretty much told me that they were still planning on going, and they did not need me there. This gave me some pride in this community. They are taking ownership of this ministry, and the campout, and do not need me to keep it going. It also reminds me that ministry happens whether a priest is doing it or not.



Overtime, the wider church got the idea that we need a priest to do ministry. That new things cannot happen without a priest. There are only a few things that require a priest, basically that is administering the sacraments. The rest of the stuff the priest supports. The ministers of the church are listed in this order in the Catechism of the Prayer Book; Laity, Bishop, Priest, and Deacon. (pg. 855 1979 BCP) This is a reminder that we all are ministers, not just those of us who are ordained. I was reminded when the young families said they will still be going on the trip that I am not needed to see the young family ministry go into the future. I can be a support, but in the end that ministry belongs to the young families. I am happy that they are taking ownership of it.

We as a church have so much to offer. We have many people with many different talents. We all have something to offer to the world, and the church. We all have a place in the life of the church. The pride I get from seeing the young families take ownership of their ministry goes further into the church. In this process of finding the next rector of Trinity I see some excitement. Excitement in who that person is, but also excitement of making this process your own. I look at the beginning of the search process and see this is truly Trinity Church's process. Beyond young families and the search, this church is doing a great job of taking ownership of the ministries, and not relying on the clergy to make something happen. This is true with all of our ministries; the outreach committee, the hospitality committee, the Altar Guild, and many others. The love you have for this church and it's ministries shows, and I have faith that no matter who comes in as the next rector the church is in good hands; because it is in your hands.

Continue to take ownership of your church. Continue to own the ministries in which you are called to. Continue to show the care you have for the ministries and the church. God called each and every one of us to a ministry. Let us be ever mindful of that. It is also a good reminder for me to realize that I have a purpose here as well. My friends, thank you for each and every one of your ministries. You make being your priest, and a priest at Trinity Episcopal Church a pleasant experience. You all are doing a great job of building up the kingdom in this place. So keep up the good work of owning your place in this church, and owning your own ministries.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew



Our Vision:

Our vision for
Trinity Episcopal
Church

includes

Growing a
dynamic youth
program.

Reaching out to
our community
outside the walls
with the love of
Christ.

Increasing spiritual
and congrega-
tional growth for
our parish.

LEGACY CLOSET “MINI” CLOSET IN MARSHALL

Legacy Closet is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization focused on helping children and foster families. Through volunteer work and donations, a "closet" with clothes, shoes, baby gear, toys, school supplies and other kids items is available to support families caring for children due to CPS involvement or Safe Families.

This “Mini-Closet” would be staffed by myself on an as needed basis with the hopes that additional volunteers would be available should the need arise. We would continue to use our home as the Marshall drop off location for any donations. This “Mini-Closet” would be available for those in the Marshall and surrounding areas for immediate needs for new placements. It would also provide extra space for some of the larger items (strollers, car seats, etc)

Additional information on Legacy Closet can be found at <https://legacycloset.org> or on Facebook at Legacy Closet. The Facebook page has a “Behind the Scenes” video from the Back to School outreach in August 2018 if anyone would like to see what the inside of Legacy Closet looks like.

I'd be happy to answer any questions I can and, if I don't have the answer, I can get it for you!

Jenny Kerr

WOMEN OF TRINITY

What an amazing meeting took place at the Women of Trinity's gathering on March 20. Our very own Gayle Weinberg, in her inimitable fashion, delighted members with a book revue by well-known author, humorist and columnist Erma Bombeck. Gayle portrayed Bombeck with excerpts from her writings in such a way that her humor, faith and wisdom endeared her to us in a whole new perspective. If you weren't able to be there, I'm sorry that you missed it, but do make plans to join this wonderful group of women next month,. The April meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall. Please note that the date has been changed from the usual schedule due to Holy Week observances. The guest speaker in April will be Mallory Waugh of the Child Protective Services and we hope to see you there for this very informative program. See you on April 24. May this season of Lent bless you with a deeper and more personal relationship with our Blessed Lord!

YOUTH NEWS

Hello Trinity Members! In years past the Youth have participated in Operation Christmas Child every November and it has always been a special blessing for us to know that we are helping in spreading the Good News of our Christ to children all over the world. In an effort to be more efficient, this year we will be asking for a special item each month for donation as opposed to asking all at once.

This month we are asking for : Washcloths

You are welcome to drop them off upstairs in the lounge area or near the youth door. Thank you for all you do in participating in our projects!

Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Bill Kemp | 18 | Cindy Cain |
| 3 | Blake Ellison | 18 | Cody Moseley |
| 4 | Zane Jackson | 23 | Cameron McElroy |
| 5 | Kurt Truelove | 24 | Kirkley Lewis |
| 6 | Jerry Smith | 26 | Andrew Cason |
| 7 | Blair Hammers | 28 | Wes White |
| 8 | Linda Lasseter | 30 | Steve Lewis |
| 12 | Flo Lewis | 30 | Aiden Kerr |
| 15 | Maggie Littlejohn | 30 | Anika Kerr |

Church Financials for February 2019

Budget Income for 2019.....	\$465,536
Budget Expenses for 2019	\$475,960
Budget Difference for 2018	(\$10,424)
Income Received to Date	\$146,719
Expenses to Date	\$88,780
Income for the month	\$110,655
Expenses for the month	\$42,911
Difference for the month	\$67,743

Anniversaries

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sullivan
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rhoades
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Mac Abney

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 14

Palm Sunday: 8am & 10:30 am

April 15 - 18 Monday - Thursday

Stations of the cross: 12pm, with soup lunch to follow 12:30pm

April 18

Maundy Thursday: 6pm

April 19

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross w/ communion from reserved sacrament: 12pm,

Tenebrae: 6pm

April 21

Easter Sunday: 8am & 10:30 am, children can flower the cross before both services.

GIRL SCOUTS 7143

Trinity's Girl Scout Troop 7143 has just finished our most successful cookie season to date. We sold over 13,000 boxes of cookies! We were the top selling troop in our service unit (a four- county area that encompasses both Marshall and Longview) for the third year in a row. Our girls have been consistent top sellers, earning the top seller awards for the last four years. In fact, they sold 1 out of every 2 ½ boxes sold in the area. Their hard work, business ethics, marketing skills and pure grit are to be commended and will serve them well as they grow into the leaders of the future.

But as wonderful as this achievement is, I want to take a minute to "Think Outside the Cookie Box". The funds that our girls earn open up a wealth of educational, civic, and personal growth opportunities for them and our community. Troop 7143 scouts and families have devoted countless hours to the community thru service projects, volunteer efforts and charitable giving. Working closely with the Marshall Police Department, hundreds of children in our community were fingerprinted by our girls as part of the ChildFind program. Handmade blankets were made and donated to community organizations. We have had food drives, conducted organized donations to Hope's Closet, and provided project items to the Animal Shelter. Our local first responders were recognized and thanked with the donation of cases of cookies, gathered throughout the season and delivered to Marshall and Hallsville Police, Fire and EMT. Most recently, in honor of Girl Scout Birthday Week, we made birthday party in a bag kits and delivered them to Mission Marshall.

Our girls have a strong level of civic engagement. We have participated in the retirement and re-posting of the large city flags. We have continued to accept and retire flags throughout the year. For the first time this year, the girls were asked and participated in the city's Veterans Day program as well as the flag ceremony conducted prior to commission meetings. Looking forward into the year to come, our girls have just moved into project submission season. At this time of year, we look for local projects to tackle. As girls grow in the Girl Scouts, they take on larger and more changing projects that seek to enact real and sustainable change in the communities around them. Our 4th and 5th grade girls coordinate together on a Bronze Award Project that seeks to tackle small project, learning to identify issues and gain the fundamentals of project management. As they move into 6th thru 8th grade, they submit proposals for Silver Award projects. These larger and more complex projects tackle issues that directly effect our community and require the girls not only to grow as project leaders but to be able to raise funds and produce a final product. As they reach towards the Gold Award, they seek to develop an individual project that will enact real and lasting changing in the world around them. I am proud to announce that for the first time in our troops young history, we will have girls participating at all three levels!

If you have a project that you would like the girls to consider, please contact Juli Jameson or Casie Ellison and we will be happy to present the possibility to an eligible scout. Here is a list of our projects (so far)
Our Gold Award Candidate will gather information from 50 animal shelters, state-wide, to produce a project comparison proposal and a power point presentation for the Marshall City Commission with a goal of gaining approval for a new shelter.
One Silver Award team will be producing a Flag Retirement Drop Box to be placed outside of Lowes. This will help our community to respectfully, reverently and conveniently handle the retirement of older flags.

One Silver Award team will be tackling the issue of period poverty in our community. Shockingly, 1 in 5 girls in America will miss school because she does not have the proper hygiene projects. Working in conjunction with the school nurse at Marshall High School, this team will provide a local solution to this issue.

Multiple Bronze Award projects will also be completed. These include everything to an expansion of the birthday box project, to food drives, bottled water drives and the collection of teddy bears to be given to first responders to give comfort to young accident and trauma victims.

If you know of a girl that would like to join Girl Scouts, please feel free to give the phone number of (903)926-2517 for additional information. If you know of a project or an event that you would like to bring to our attention, we can be contacted at the same number. As always, thank you for your continued love and support.

Holy Week & Triduum



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism
Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship

It is almost here! We are over halfway through Lent, and will be approaching Easter soon. Before we get to Easter we have to get through Holy Week, and the Triduum.

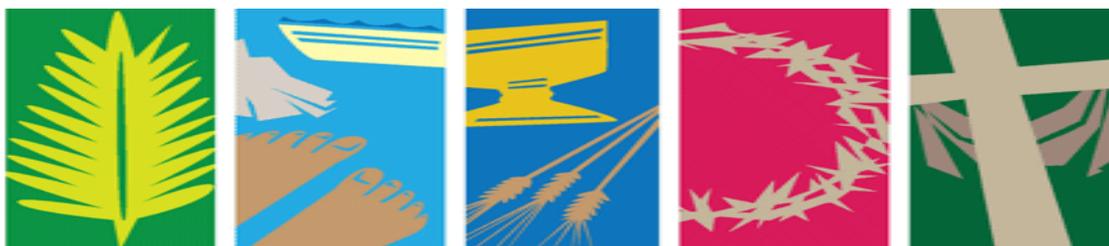
Holy Week is the last week in Lent. The week that leads us to Easter. Holy Week ends with the Holy Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The three Holy days that precedes Easter, where our Lord was arrested, tortured, killed, and laid in the tomb.

We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We process to the church waving palms, which is how Jesus was met when he entered Jerusalem. The palms were laid at the feet of a victorious army returning home. So Christ was being met with palms as he was triumphing over evil. We begin the week in excitement, with people shouting “Hosanna”. That excitement quickly changes to hostility.

The days of the week we journey with Jesus as he is teaching in Jerusalem during his last days. Which leads us to Maundy Thursday. During that day we see Jesus in his last night with his disciples. During that night he washes their feet, shares the Last Supper with them, and then is betrayed. In the Maundy Thursday service we wash feet, we share the last Holy Eucharist before Easter, and then strip the altar to signify Jesus being handed over to death. There is a sadness as we watch the altar being stripped bare, and the church darkened. Much like the sadness the disciples felt when Jesus was led away.

On Good Friday we see the Passion. We see Jesus mocked, tortured, made to carry his cross, hung on the cross, and then die. In that moment Jesus is alone. His humanity was on full display. On Holy Saturday Jesus is in the tomb. We are waiting, just as his disciples were. Then on Easter Sunday we will shout “Alleluia the Lord is risen indeed.”

Holy Week and the Triduum is a moving time in our church year. It is a time to reflect on what Christ did for us. I invite you all to join us for the Stations of the Cross each day during Holy Week, as well as the Services on Palm Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and of course Easter Sunday. Come and journey Jesus’ passion with us this Holy Week and Triduum.



holy week

Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XXVIX Of the Wicked, which eat not the Body of Christ in the use of the Lord's Supper.

The Wicked, and such as be void of a lively faith, although they do carnally and visibly press with their teeth (as Saint Augustine saith) the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ; yet in no wise are they partakers of Christ, but rather, to their condemnation, do eat and drink the sign or Sacrament of so great a thing.

There is a movement in the church known as open communion. At one point open communion was what we practice. The original idea of open communion was that any person who has been baptized can receive communion. However, over time the idea has become more open. Now there are some church who open up communion to anybody, whether they were baptized or not. This is a problem because it cheapens both sacraments. It also is unfair and inhospitable to those who receive communion, because they were not truly prepared for the sacrament. The practice of giving communion to all whether they are baptized or not came about as a need to be hospitable to visitors. However, the practice misses the mystery of communion. There is a Roman Catholic priest named Msgr. Charles Pope who said “**communion points to doctrine not hospitality.** The Eucharist comes from a basic communion of belief and serves to strengthen that belief. It is no mere ceremony; it is a family communion rooted in our communion with who the Lord is and what He teaches. This common belief makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord.” When we receive communion we are receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ with all of our Christian brothers and sisters. Which requires us to be part of that. Because it is a point of doctrine, not hospitality, we must examine ourselves and see if we are worthy to receive.

St. Paul told us that we must receive the sacrament worthily. Part of receiving the sacrament worthily is being part of the Body of Christ when receiving the sacrament. The Twenty-Ninth Article of the Article of Religion speaks about worthy reception, or what happens when someone receives the Sacrament without faith. The Twenty-Ninth Article states that when a person takes the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood without faith they are not truly receiving the sacrament of our Lord. Because of this we must be careful in giving the sacrament to those who truly can receive it worthily. This article on the Twenty-Ninth Article of religion will show how the sacrament should be received; worthily, and with faith. It will also show how we come about being worthy to receive the sacrament of our Lord.

There are seven sacraments in the church. Two of which are necessary for our Salvation. The first of which is Baptism. Baptism is our entry way into the church. When we are baptized we are made as members of the Body of Christ. The second sacrament that is necessary of salvation is Holy Eucharist; also known as Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper. The Eucharist is shared among the Body of Christ, sharing the Body of Christ. Since the beginning of the church, baptism was the way to receive communion. After all, baptism is the entry way to the church. The first supper was a meal shared between Jesus and his Disciples, just them. Later on in the early church, the communion was only shared by those who were baptized members of the church. The unbaptized left the service during the Eucharist. Baptism was the way in which the members gained entry into the church, which prepared them to

worthily receive the Eucharist. When one has not died with him through the waters of baptism, they truly cannot share in partaking his resurrected body. This is why we cannot look at open communion as a hospitality tool, if anything it is in-hospitable to bring someone in and not prepare them to receive the sacrament of our Lord when they have not entered the waters of baptism with Him.

However, just because we are baptized does not mean we cannot receive the sacrament unworthily. St. Paul says that those who eat the bread and drink the cup unworthily, without examining themselves before they receive the body and blood do so wickedly. (1 Corinthians 11) When we are not examining our lives, and repenting of our sins we are not taking the sacrament worthily. Then the sacrament means nothing according to the 29th Article. This is why we confess our sins before receiving the sacrament. This is why we trade the peace. To make right with us and Christ, and with us and our brothers and sisters.

This is why we must examine our lives before receiving the sacrament, and repent. This is why we trade the peace before receiving. This is why we must join the body of Christ before receiving the body of Christ. Because this prepares us to receive Christ. Anything short, we would not be receiving him worthily. When we give the Eucharist to those who have not been baptized and made members of the body we are setting them up to receive unworthily. When we do not repent of our sins we are also receiving the body unworthily. When we can not make peace with our brothers and sisters we cannot truly be in communion with them, thus receive unworthily. This is why the Eucharist should not be viewed as hospitality. It is the body and blood of our Lord, given by God to receive His grace. This is something we must not take lightly, and must not give lightly. This is something we must receive worthily with faith.



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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YOUNG FAMILY CAMP OUT

ATLANTA STATE PARK * TEXAS

April 26-28, 2019

RSVP TO FR. ANDREW ELLISON



Join us for fun and fellowship around the
campfire and beyond!
Hike, explore, relax and connect.

Sunday Morning Prayer
in the Pines!



NO GEAR? NO PROBLEM! LET US HELP!

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE OR FR. ANDREW FOR MORE INFORMATION

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choir

Children K-5th Grade

WINTER / SPRING
CHOIR DAYS



APRIL 10, 2019

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FINAL PRACTICE:
APRIL 14 (9:30AM)

PALM SUNDAY PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
10:30 AM SERVICE



ALL CLASS DATES
ARE ON
WEDNESDAYS
@6:15PM



Oh come, let us sing
to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1





*Behold, I come
among you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

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Sam Clark

Blair Hammers

Roy McCarroll

Kathleen Abraham

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Choir Practice 5:00 PM

Dinner - 5:15 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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