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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

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Farewell Fr. John



Fr. John's last Sunday as our rector was on January 27th, 2019. It was a bitter-sweet Sunday, but also a time of reflection on what we have done together with Fr. John as our rector. During the 10:30 service the choir wanted to do something special for his last Sunday and asked what he would like. He told them he would love it if they sang the Nashotah House Hymn, so they did as a post communion anthem. Then after

the service the hospitality committee hosted a farewell luncheon for Fr. John. It was a delicious lunch shared by about 170 people. The parish hall was packed to the brim with people wishing Fr. John and Megan their best as they embark on this new chapter of their lives. There were offerings to Fr. John and Megan as well as gifts given to them. One gift was a ceiling tile signed by those in attendance. This was a humorous gift recognizing the time a ceiling tile fell on his desk, but it was also the catalyst needed to show that the parish was in need of building up. Given to him was also a book full of cards with messages of parishioners favorite memories of Fr. John and Megan. The children of the



parish put together a lovely video featuring them saying memories of Fr. John and Megan, as well as what they think he should do in his retirement; such as going to Great Wolf Lodge, Disney World, sitting on the couch watching tv, and of course spending time with family. The children offered Megan candy, paying her back for the candy she has given them. On behalf of the church Fr. John was given a cutting board with the church etched on it. Two gifts were given in honor of Fr. John; a banner with the Holy Vision written on it, and the renaming of the Annex building to the John Himes Trinity Outreach Center.

We will miss Fr. John and Megan, but we also wish them the best as they move into this new chapter.



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.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

On Wednesday January 23rd many young girls took part in a candle lighting ceremony. As part of this ceremony these girls dedicated themselves to study, and prayer as they continue to explore making vows and becoming full Junior Daughters of the King. Sherry Henderson, president of the Hannah Chapter of the Daughters of the King, has been working with these young girls in beginning the groundwork in preparing to study their vows.

She will continue to work with them until the installation day in May. Taken from the DoK website, "Junior

Daughters of the King provides girls or young women the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus Christ while serving their church and community. They are an integral part of our Order and we pray that they continue the mission of The Order by transitioning to a senior Daughters. "



the King. Or for some of them, to prepare themselves to take the vows at a later time when they are of age.

Please hold these young girls in your prayers as they embark on this new ministry. This is a new journey in these young disciples lives, and I look forward to seeing what God will do with them. I know that they all will be a good addition to the Order of the Junior Daughters of the King, and a vital part to the life of the church.

Also please mark your calendars for Sunday May 19th. As they will be installed during the 10:30 service.



This is a big step in the lives of these young girls. It is in a way a kick off for the study that they will begin and will last through May 19th where, God willing, they will make their official vows and officially become Junior Daughters of



A Word With Fr. Andrew

Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord..

We are now in a transition period. The good news is the church has been in many transition periods before. Not just Trinity, but the whole church. The Apostles went through a transition. The time after Jesus ascended into heaven, and before the Pentecost was a time of transition for the Apostles. They were going from Jesus' disciples, not sure what to do, or what the future held to being disciples full of the Holy Spirit going out and building up the church. Peter transitioned from being the guy who constantly put his foot in his mouth and denying Jesus to being the guy who preached the greatest sermon in history one that instantly converted hundreds to Christ. That was a big transition for him. One that God was in charge of. For the disciples there were questions during their transition time. Questions that were soon answered and made clear.



During our transition there will be many questions, perhaps some uncertainties. Like the Disciples God is watching over this transition. God has the answers and will reveal them to us. When Canon Ryan visited the vestry she said something that stuck with me. She told us that we may not know who our next rector is, but God knows. God is preparing that person for us, and us for that person. We just need to trust in him. Trust that he will send us His Holy Spirit to help guide us, just as he did on that first Pentecost.

One question I have been asked in regards to this transition is my status with you all. I want to let you know what my role is in the transition. My title will be Locum Tenens. Which mean "In place of." This is a title given to someone who has served as an associate of the parish and will be taking on an interim rector type roll. What this means is I will be with you in this roll through June, and God willing beyond, while you look for a new rector. I will be your pastor over the next several months during this transition, and I want you to know my door is open. If at any time you need an ear I am here. Hey that rhymed! I will still be here to preach, give the sacraments, and oversee the spiritual life of this parish. I will also work with the vestry and the Senior Warden in administrative tasks that cannot be ignored during this transition time. The church will still go on, we will still worship together, pray together, eat together, and fellowship together. These do not stop because we are in a transition. However, I cannot be a part of the search process. I cannot help you call a new rector, I cannot lead you in that regard. I can be a counsel, or offer advice, but cannot lead. This is the work of the vestry and search committee. This search process is your search process.

God is in control of this transition. He already knows who the next rector is, and is preparing that person for us. Let us trust God's infinite wisdom, Let us rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the transition. When we rely on Him, and put our trust in God we will make it through the transition in the same way we will go into it, united. Do know that while I cannot take part in the search process I can pray for it. I will be in constant prayer for you all during this time. I will pray that you will go through this united, and as one. I pray that God will give you a discerning heart and mind. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you, and be with you. And I pray that you will be able to listen and hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you all during this time. I look forward to walking with you during this transition time.

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.

COMMUNITY UNITY SERVICE

February 18th at 6:30 PM

Wiley College Chapel

The Marshall Ministerial Alliance is going to begin offering up more opportunities for the churches in the area to come together to worship as one. In the fall Trinity hosted a unity service, and it was a great time to not only show off our church and our faith, but also to show how the body of Christ is one. That despite our differences we can still come together to worship one Lord Jesus Christ. The goal is to begin putting on these services quarterly. One such service is coming up! On February 18th at 6:30 PM at the Wiley College Chapel. There is a Winter Community Worship Service. The preacher for the evening is a man who has done much in our community, serving at a church in the community for nearly 15 years until his recent retirement. Sound familiar? That is right, the preacher for this service will be Fr. John.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to come not only here Fr. John preach, but also to worship with our fellow brothers and sisters in the community. When we come together to worship one Lord Jesus Christ, as the one Body of Jesus Christ great things can happen in our community.

WOMEN OF TRINITY

Life doesn't give us guarantees very often, but if you will only make your plans to attend the February 20th meeting of Women of Trinity, it's pretty much of a shoo-in that you'll thoroughly enjoy the speaker, the lunch, and without a doubt, the camaraderie! If you're a woman of any age and you attend Trinity Episcopal Church, you are invited and encouraged to attend the Women of Trinity meetings on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We meet at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall to enjoy, learn, enlightened by or inspired by a very special speaker. Following the speaker, we then share lunch and fellowship. Please circle February 20th and join your friends or friends-to-be at the Women of Trinity meeting...we'll miss you if you're not there!

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 toothbrushes

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

3 Terry Weeks	17 Megan Himes
4 Joe Weinberg	17 Harriet Smith
4 Henry Henderson	18 Kathryn Brannon
5 Richard Anderson	18 Justin Briggie
7 Pat Furrh	22 Jonathan Bray
9 Wanda Fugler	22 Roy McCarroll
9 Pauline Manly	23 Marcus Briggie
9 Matthew Prater	25 Claire Abney
12 Frannie Littlejohn	25 Alice Camp
13 David Cope	27 Samantha Minchew
13 Barbara Truelove	28 Mary Jane McElroy
13 Jim Kutner	28 Ethelyn Eads
14 Lauren Hicks	

Anniversaries

7	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Whaley, Jr.
8	Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Portman
14	Mr. & Mrs. David Spellings
18	Mr. & Mrs. Allen Staggers, Jr.
19	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Beavers
20	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Porter
25	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Manly

Church Financials and Attendance for December 2018

Budget Income for 2018	\$522,417.34
Budget Expenses for 2018	\$532,281.39
Budget Difference for 2018	(\$ 9,864.05)
Income Received to Date	\$497,165.27
Expenses to Date	\$541,533.20
Income for the month	\$ 49,256.93
Expenses for the month	\$ 46,535.84
Difference for the month	\$ 2,721.09

Diocesan Council

Please hold your delegates, as well as the diocese in your prayers as they meet for the Annual Council. This year they will be voting for a new Suffragan Bishop who will replace Bishop Dena Harrison retiring this year. They will also vote on other resolutions for the diocese. Please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit for the right Bishop. Pray for travel mercies for all who travel. Council is February 21st-23rd at the Woodlands Waterway Convention center.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

There will be no Brotherhood of St. Andrew
meetings in February

Ministry in Review: Hospitality

Each month we will review a different ministry of the church. Each one of our ministries are important parts of the life of Trinity Episcopal Church, as well as our ability to reach out to the world. This month I will focus on our Hospitality Committee.

The Hospitality Ministry is our newest ministry, put together by a parishioner who saw a need and felt led by the Holy Spirit to begin to see that need come to fruition. The Hospitality Committee was formed to assist the Daughters of the King in hosting various hospitality events, including Coffee and Cookie hour, and funeral receptions. Before the Hospitality Committee came about it was mainly the Daughters that did that work, to which they did a great job. The Hospitality Committee was formed to take those responsibilities on. However, they went above and beyond coffee and cookie hour and funeral receptions. Out of this committee came some parish activities which they helped plan and host. One was the Annual Parish Meeting. One of the hosting teams did a wonderful job decorating and putting together a menu for a wonderful lunch as we moved through the business of the annual parish meeting. Another event the hospitality committee hosted was our parish Christmas party. After the service of lessons and carols we came over to All Saints Hall for a wonderful meal, and some fellowship. The night was capped off with everyone singing 12 Days of Christmas, each table sang a verse from that song. It was so much fun, and showed that we are a parish that can sing. The hospitality team also put together a goodbye luncheon for Fr. John. This luncheon was catered, and was a lot of work putting together.

This team is turning into a vital ministry to the life of our parish, helping to bring us closer as a community. The Hospitality Ministry has a budget given to them by the vestry, but they also have a designated fund to assist. As you can imagine putting these events on for the parish costs money, and these budgets help the members offset the costs of food, supplies, and decorations. If you are called to assist financially in this ministry you may do so by sending a gift designated for Hospitality. If you would like to help out planning, or cooking for our; or if you would like more information about the hospitality team you can contact Julie Trexler or the church office.



Fr. John's time with us



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial
Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship



Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XXVII. Of Baptism. Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also a sign of Regeneration or new Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of the forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God. The Baptism of young Children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

A more modern translation the article would read: Baptism is not only a sign of profession and a mark of difference by which Christians are distinguished from those who are not baptized. It is also a sign of regeneration or new birth, through which, as through an instrument those who receive baptism in the right manner are grafted into the church, the promises of the forgiveness of sin and of our adoption as sons of God by the Holy Spirit are visibly signed and sealed, faith is confirmed and grace is increased by virtue of prayer to God. The baptism of young children is undoubtedly to be retained in the church as that which agrees best with Christ's institution.

Which came first; the chicken or the egg? What does that have to do with Baptism? Well, look at it this way, what came first; faith or baptism? You might rightly say; faith, and you would be correct. But what about the baptism of an infant, do they have an understanding of faith or is it by baptism that faith is instilled? That's what I mean by which came first.

At the close of the Gospel of St. Matthew Jesus says to the disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Mt 28:19-20, RSV) Jesus is ending his physical ministry on earth commanding that the Church continue doing an act that had taken place at the beginning of His public ministry—baptism. Ergo, He must have meant for that act to have true value.

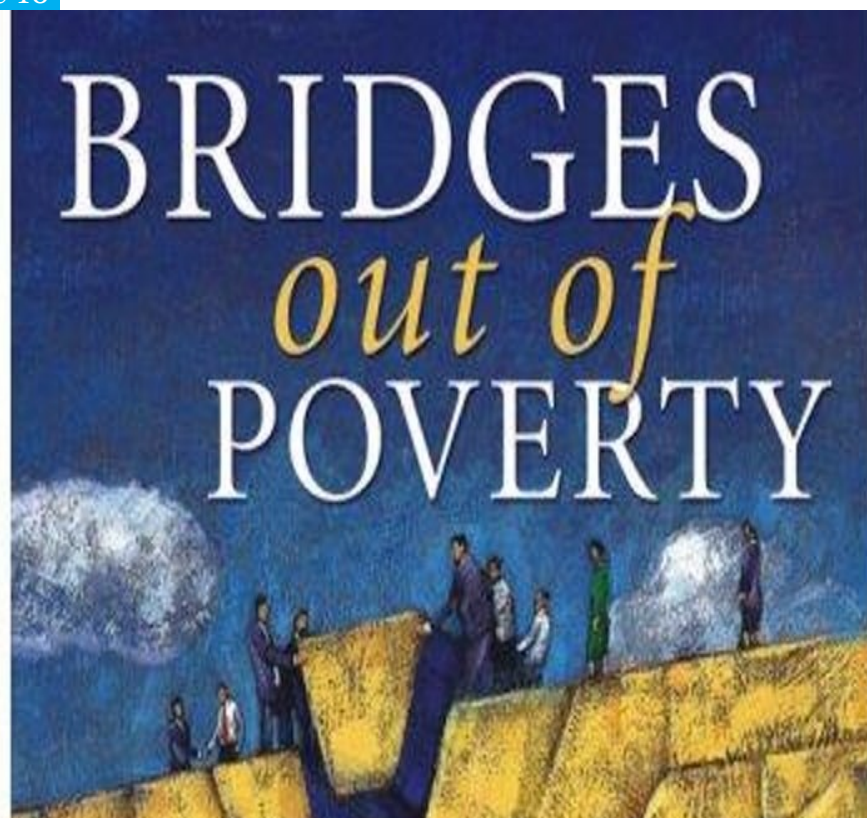
We baptize at any age for we hold that God's grace is sufficient to open the heart of anyone for we are all made in the image of God. Parents have their children baptized and promise to raise the child in the faith. Thus they are instilling their faith in the child whose heart has been cleansed through baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At baptism a person is born anew to the living hope in Jesus Christ; regardless of their age. In a very real sense our heart and soul are made anew, we are born of spirit not of flesh and blood. We are washed from of the stain of original sin. A person is regenerated the old has passed away and behold the new has come. At baptism the newly baptized becomes part of the Body of Christ and becomes the adopted son or daughter of God the Father. As with all the other Sacraments, Baptism is an outward visible sign on an inward invisible grace.

For a child Baptism provides for the opening of their heart to the power of the Holy Spirit to work within them as they grow and learn the Christian faith. As a baby I was baptized. Needless to say at one month old I had no understanding of God, or anything else for the matter. However, what Baptism did was allowed the Holy Spirit to indwell in my heart and soul and become a mentor and guide as I grew to the point I could make a public profession of faith. If I had not been baptized would I have come to a faith that would have led me to be baptized? Who knows. But one thing I do know that at a very early age I became aware of God. That awareness came through my parent teaching me to pray, telling me of the glory of God and His love for me. Now as I look back upon my life I can say I have never felt I was without the love of God or His never ending grace. I never felt as if my sins were beyond redemption, for the redemption was done through the atoning sacrifice of Christ and forgiveness was always available through repentance of my sins.

Article XXVII speaks of “right form”. What is the right form? The form recognized by the church catholic for centuries is being either immersed or sprinkled with water. The right form also includes saying the right words as commanded by Christ himself, to wit, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. There are some denominations that do not use this form. They may baptize in the name of Jesus only, or the Holy Spirit. This is contrary to Christ’s instructions. If a person came to the Episcopal Church they would need to be baptized once again.





Bridges Out of Poverty | 8-hour Workshop

Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall

Sponsored by the Episcopal Health Foundation

The one-day Bridges Out of Poverty workshop introduces participants to a comprehensive approach for understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic levels. Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty; it is designed to provide a broad overview of concepts.

We invite those who work directly with **individuals and families in the community** through congregations and community partners to gain a **deeper understanding of poverty culture** and learn **prevention strategies**.

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

The workshop will begin promptly at 9 AM

Host: Trinity Episcopal Church

106 N Grove Street, Marshall, TX 75670

Register: <http://bit.ly/bridgesmarshall>

The workshop is free to the public. All materials and meals are included.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choir

Children K-5th Grade

WINTER / SPRING CHOIR DAYS

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

MARCH 27, 2019

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

Fr. Andrew Ellison
Locum Tenens

Rae Dickson
Youth Director

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation Director*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
*Music Director
and Organist*

Melissa Hammers
Choir Director

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry

Tony Pierce
Senior Warden

Jackie Weeks
Junior Warden

Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry

Margot Lingold
Treasurer

Carol Meyer

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Margot Lingold

Don Bramlett

Sam Clark

Blair Hammers

Roy McCarroll

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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