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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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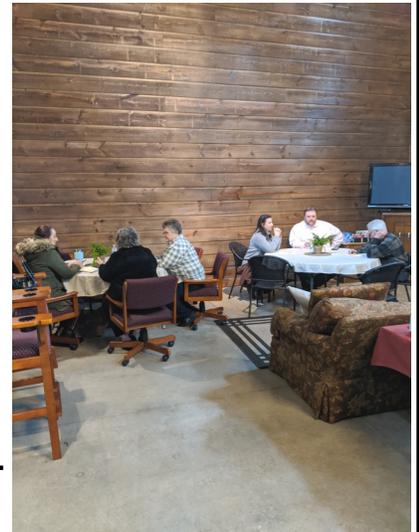
VESTRY RETREAT



Your vestry gathered for retreat at Fern Lake Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th. It was a good retreat with fruitful conversations. We began on Friday night sharing a meal, visiting, and then sharing a little bit about our spiritual journeys. It was interesting to hear the different journeys we have taken, with various similarities. On Saturday we came back together to begin visioning for 2020. As we know, we are in the midst of transition, where there are some unknowns. In those unknowns it is easy to stop doing the work of ministry, and wait for the answers.

One of the goals for the vestry was visioning how we can continue doing the work God is calling us to do in the midst of transition.

As well as looking at ways in which we can reach out to those who cannot or will not step foot in our doors; or any church door for that matter. First thing though was we studied scripture together. The scripture we chose was from Luke chapter 10. It was the sending out of the 70. We saw the emphasis of being sent, and we pondered what it would look like for us to be sent out into our own communities. We then spent some time exploring what a vestry does, and the history of vestries.



It was the bible study and the image of being sent that led us to some fruitful discussions that spilled over into our visioning for the upcoming year. I got to say, there was some excitement in our conversations. Many of which involved going out, or action. We recognize our need to keep busy in the upcoming year. Some ideas we floated was doing animal blessings; both on or around the feast of St. Francis, and at the dog walk in Downtown in the spring. We also discussed ways we can minister to our aging population, especially those who cannot make it to church. There were some good ideas that I am sure you will see more of in the months ahead. There was time spent spending some time together in informal conversations. Sam even took a few of us on a boat ride showing us Lake Fern. We also voted for new officers for the vestry; Sam Clark will serve as Junior Warden, Juli Jameson will serve as vestry clerk, and Gary Hathaway will serve as the treasurer.



We had a good retreat that was led by the Holy Spirit. I am excited to see what comes out of it in the year ahead.

Children's Activities

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Jr. Daughters of the King SPRING 2020 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY CLASSES :

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

MARCH 4, 2020

MARCH 18, 2020

APRIL 8, 2020

MAY 6, 2020

MAY 20, 2020



ALL WEDNESDAY CLASSES ARE AT 6:15-7PM

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Choir

CHILDREN K - 5TH GRADE

WINTER / SPRING CHOIR DAYS

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

MARCH 25, 2020

APRIL 1, 2020

APRIL 15, 2020



FINAL PRACTICE :
APRIL 19, 2020 (9:30 AM)

ALL CLASS DATES
ARE ON
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15 PM

SPRING PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020
10:30 AM SERVICE



Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Psalm 95:1



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.

A Word With Fr. Andrew

Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. As each year passes I recognize how fast time flies. For instance, this month is one year since Fr. John retired. It has been one year walking this transition with you as your Locum Tenens. I look back and think it seems like just a few months. The same is true with our church seasons. It seems like we celebrated Christmas together yesterday, and it seems like we celebrated Easter just months ago. It seems like we were just in the season of lent.



As hard as it is for me to believe, we are about to enter into that holy season once again. The last Tuesday of this month is Shrove Tuesday, on that day we will be feasting on pancakes before the beginning of Lent. The next day we will be beginning the 40 days of Lent. During the Ash Wednesday service we are invited to observe a holy lent. We observe it by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's holy Word. In that time of fasting many of us will be giving up something in our lives so that we may focus on growing closer to God. Lent is a time where we deny our earthly temptations quite like Jesus did for the 40 days in the wilderness. We are also called to recognize our sin and need for penance. Now if you are like me you may be wondering what to give up this lent. Should you give up soda, chocolate, meat, or Facebook? While those are great things to give up, I have given up those things multiple times. Yet I go back to them.

The purpose of our fasting is that we may focus on growing closer to God. When we give up something we really should be replacing it with a way to do that. Perhaps something we can give up is our desire to have. Perhaps a desire to have what our neighbors have, or have what we want. Or we can give up comparing ourselves to others. Or give up anger, stress, or regret. These things get in the way of our ability to have a relationship with God.

I wish to ask, how about giving up something that requires us to change? We recognize our need to change to attract new members. Yet many of us, myself included, find changing difficult. We think of change, especially in the church, as a change in our worship style, or perhaps changing our identity. That is not what change is required. Perhaps one change is what I talk about on page 7 of this tri-pod. Changing behaviors, changing being comfortable in the uncomfortable, changing the way we think about being out in the world. This is change that can lead us to reaching out to new people that does not change our worship or our ethos.

Whatever discipline you choose this lent, know that it is being done for a deeper relationship with God. Know that it is a way to remove outside distractions that get in the way of that relationship. It is giving you an opportunity to shed those earthly pursuits and focus on the heavenly pursuits.

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 congregational growth for our parish.

Ash Wednesday

During our vestry retreat we reflected on Jesus sending out the 70. We were reminded that we too are being sent out to reach out to our community. During the meeting the topic of Ashes to Go came up. Many churches try to take ashes to the streets and imposing ashes on those who wish to have ashes, but cannot make it to church. Fr. Andrew and Margot Lingold will head to downtown Marshall at noon and will be imposing ashes to those coming and going to lunch. We will also be praying together and sharing about Trinity Church. This is one way we can reach out to our community, and offer a small part of Ash Wednesday.

Please hold us in prayer as we seek to engage with our neighbors..

WOMEN OF TRINITY

Trinity Church, Marshall, is very blessed in many respects, and the Women of Trinity had the privilege of learning all about one of our most important blessings. We all know that young people are the key to the future of our church, our country and, indeed, our world. Well, rest assured, at Trinity (for now) we've got that covered! Our amazing Youth Director, Rae Dickson, is hard at work to see that the young people of Trinity learn and practice the teachings of our Lord. Rae presented an inspirational program describing the year's activities, complete with a visual presentation. There is no doubt that she loves her job and is totally dedicated to doing God's work through our young people. Many thanks, Rae! Please mark your calendar with a big red circle for the February 19th meeting of Women of Trinity (as, almost always, the third Wednesday of the month) when we have scheduled a program on the Martin House. If you're like me, you've heard about it, but have no idea of the important role it plays in our community, so please join us for this informative presentation...we have an obligation, as a Christian to know more! The meeting begins at 11a.m., following the 10 o'clock Eucharist in the Church and then, after the program, please join us for lunch, hosted by WOT members. Alaina Jones and Karen Neal were our delightful hosts in January...hard act to follow! Get to know your fellow Women of Trinity and enjoy the camaraderie! See you at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 19th in the Guild Room in All Saint's Hall!

Birthdays

3	Terry Weeks	13	Jim Kutner
4	Joe Weinberg	14	Lauren Hicks
4	Henry Henderson	16	Mac Abney
5	Richard Anderson	18	Kathryn Brannon
7	Pat Furrh	22	Jonathan Bray
9	Wanda Fugler	22	Roy McCarroll
9	Pauline Manly	25	Claire Abney
12	Frannie Littlejohn	27	Samantha Minchew
13	David Cope	28	Mary Jane McElroy
13	Barbara Truelove		



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

Ash Wednesday Services

Lent is fast approaching. The way we begin Lent Season, the season of penitence is by observing Ash Wednesday. We will have two services, both of which will have the imposition of ashes. The service times are as follows:

10:00 AM—Rite 1 service

5:30—Dinner

6:15 PM Rite 2 service

Hope to see you there.

Trinity Episcopal School Happenings!

What a month we had at the School in February. The big event was world Bazaar. The 5th and 8th graders each represented a country from around the world to present information about that country. Now, this was not just a simple report. The children researched various facts about their country. Including the GDP, the literacy rate, most popular activities, what they import as well as export, famous people, and many other facts. They spent many weeks preparing for this report. On the day of World Bazaar each student got up and gave speeches about their countries, including the facts that they researched. That was not all they did, they also presented a product that is exported from their country, getting up and giving an advertisement for that product in hopes that the other countries would buy them. At lunch time each student brought a dish unique to their country to share. Finally, each of the students prepared a poster for their country. It is great seeing the different foods and trying them all. I am reminded when I look at these posters how artistic our students are. All in all it was a great event.

Another fun event the 5th-8th graders did was go to Sci-Port in Shreveport to explore the museum, as well as watch a movie on the Imax. Finally, the whole school raised money for the Night to Shine. The kids raised a \$1000 for that event, those funds will help purchase crowns and tiaras.



Being Missional



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship

“And he said to them “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.” (Luke 10:2-3 RSV)

This is part of the passage your vestry explored at the vestry retreat. This is from the sending of the 70 (or 72) depending on the translation. The heart of the passage is the 70 being sent. To go out into the world to prepare the towns and villages for Jesus’ arrival. We were struck by the image of going. We contemplated how Jesus did not tell them to stay where they are and wait for the people to come to them. Rather, he told them to go out into the world. We imagine how that story would have been different if they did stay instead of going.

Today we are still called to go out into the harvest. Just as it was then, the harvest is still plentiful and the laborers are few. Many in the church wait for the harvest to come to us. We expect that if they want to come to Jesus they can enter the doors to our churches. However, that is not what Jesus said we should be doing. Rather we must be willing to step out of our comfort zone, and go to the people. Many of which cannot or will not step foot inside a church. There is a push in our diocese of promoting missional communities. According to the Diocese of Texas website “missional communities are spiritual and recreational outposts for those that cannot, or will not, participate in a traditional expression of church.” Missional communities are communities that gather outside of a traditional church building, meeting around a central interest, with a liturgical component from our tradition. There are many in our world, and even in our community that are not churched, or will not go to church, but are still yearning for a relationship with Christ. For those individuals, missional communities are the way in which they can build this relationship.

The first step for missional communities is to become a sending church; to begin thinking and being missional. This calls us to take risks. To not be afraid of failure. To get out of our comfort zone. In the sending of the 70 they were being sent to places that were outside of comfort zones into risky situations. They were being sent as lambs in the midst of wolves. There was a risk. Jesus pointed out that their will be failures in their mission, as some will deny them. He pointed out that that failure should not stop them, that they should continue to go. In the same manner being missional will mean there will be failures, there will be risks, there will be discomfort. But those should not stop us. Because there will also be some who want to hear about Christ. Who want to build relationships. Who may, dare I say, step foot in our church one day. Though, that is not why we go out. We go out and be missional to bring people to Christ.

I have spoken with your vestry about my desire to see Trinity Episcopal Church begin a missional community, I truly feel God is calling us to do that work, as even in Marshall the harvest is plentiful. The first step is to become missional, to be willing to take risks, to be comfortable with stepping outside our comfort zones. I urge us all to begin praying for the ability to do that. Let us pray how we can begin to think missional, which will lead to becoming a sending church. This does not change the way we worship on Sunday mornings, but just the way we think outside of those times.

Let us together pray that the Lord of the harvest send out laborers into his harvest. Why can those laborers not be us?

Youth Happenings

The youth had a fun and busy month in January. The big event was the East Texas Rise Youth Conference. The youth spent an amazing weekend listening to thought provoking testimonies, music, and hearing the Word of God spoken. They also participated in a nerf gun battle that supported the LukeStrong foundation, played basketball, and went to AirU. It was a fun and uplifting weekend for our youth.



WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar.

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is observed by many Christians.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words:

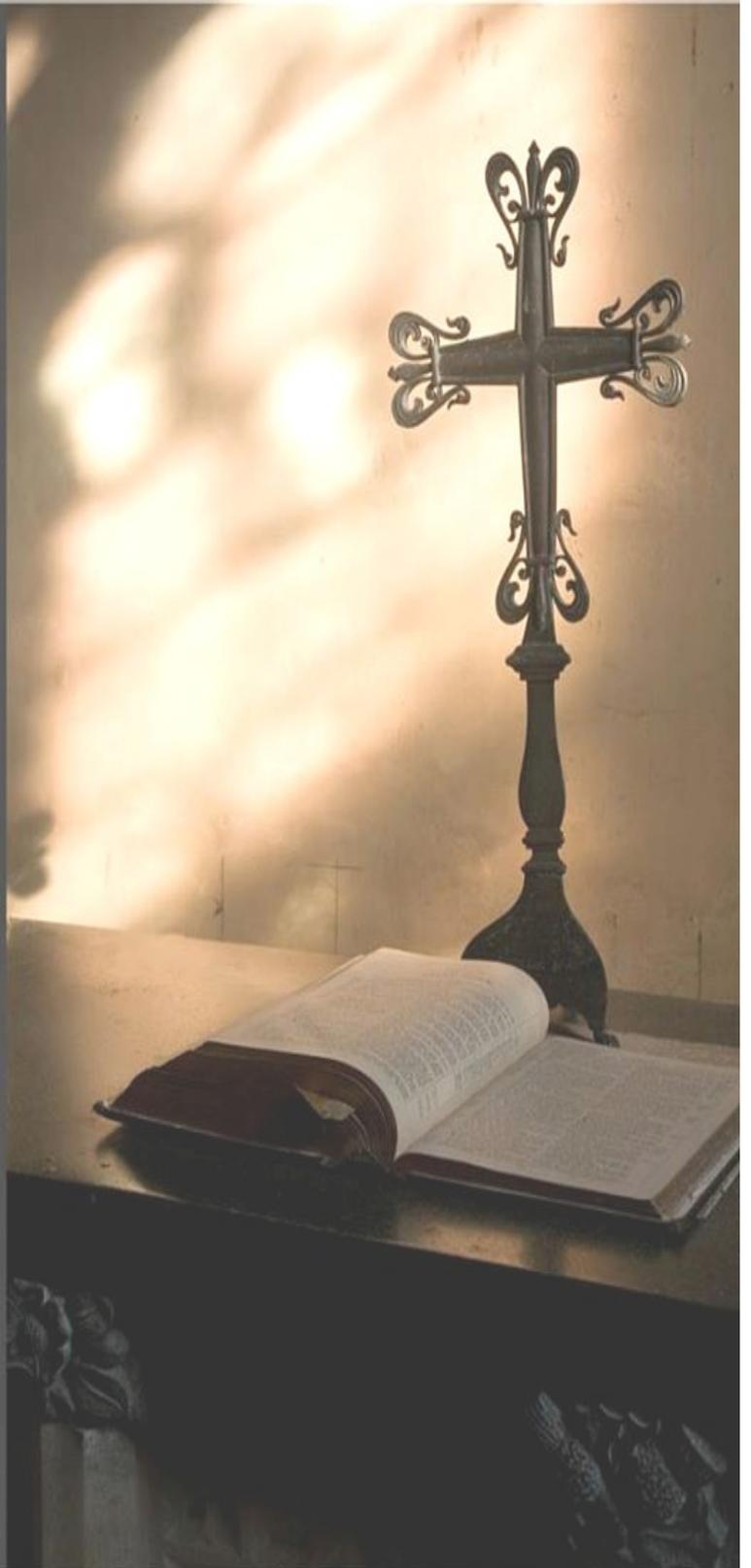
"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the 2nd century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. The priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.





Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

Coming up

On February 25th

Mark your calendars!

WHAT IS SHROVE TUESDAY?

THE FRENCH HAVE MARDI GRAS, THE GERMANS HAVE FASCHING, THE BRAZILIANS HAVE CARNIVAL, AND THE ENGLISH HAVE SHROVE TUESDAY.

SHROVE TUESDAY OCCURS THE FIRST TUESDAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY. IT ENDS THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY AND IS THE VIGIL FOR THE STARTING OF LENT.

TRADITIONALLY VIEWED AS A DAY OF REPENTANCE, SHROVE TUESDAY HAS BECOME THE LAST DAY FOR CELEBRATION AND FEASTING BEFORE THE PERIOD OF FASTING REQUIRED DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.

THE NAME "SHROVE TUESDAY" IS DERIVED FROM THE WORD "SHRIVE", WHICH MEANS TO CONFESS AND RECEIVE ABSOLUTION. THE NAME DENOTES A PERIOD OF CLEANSING, WHEREIN A PERSON BRINGS THEIR LUSTS AND APPETITES UNDER SUBJECTION THROUGH ABSTENTION AND SELF-SACRIFICE.





*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
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Melissa Hammers
Choir Director

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Vestry

Don Bramlett
Senior Warden

Sam Clark
Junior Warden

Juli Jameson
Clerk of the Vestry

Gary Hathaway
Treasurer

Margot Lingold

Chris Altnau

Steve Lewis

Blair Hammers

Roy McCarroll

Kathleen Abraham

Edwina Thomas

Bud Bray

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 - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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