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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3rd Annual Young Family Campout

Many of our young families went camping in April. They participated in the Third Annual Young Family Campout at Atlanta State Park.

We had 35 people taking up 7 camp sites in the beautiful park in the woods off Wright Patman Lake.

Some of our campers enjoyed hiking, fishing, playing in the lake, or just relaxing by the fire at the campsite. The campers ate meals together, made s’mores, and enjoyed the company as well as enjoyed being out in nature.

We concluded our time together with Morning Prayer on Sunday at the campsite.

This is one of the more fun activities we do as the young family group. It helps us spend time together, as well as get us out of the house and into the wilderness. It helps us get away from technology and get outdoors to find different ways to keep us entertained. I am already looking forward to next year’s Fourth Annual Young Family Campout!
On Sunday, May 19th we were truly blessed to welcome ChoRuss Vocal Ensemble back to Trinity as part of the Wanda Summerford Parker Spring Concert. This was a treat not only for Trinity, but for all of East Texas. ChoRuss has traveled all over Europe and the United States bringing their music to many. Their music has also been played at the International Space Station. To say that we were privileged to have them in Marshall is an understatement. They certainly gave a great show. The show was broken into two parts. The first part consisted of Christian music composed in the 19th and 20th centuries. These songs accompanies worship in the Russian Orthodox Church. One could truly feel the Spirit moving in us through this gift of song. The second part of the performance consisted of Russian folk songs. These were fun and entertaining, all with a bit of humor. The four performers are truly talented, and entertaining. Following the show there was a reception where we got to meet and greet the performers. They also had an assortment of Russian souvenirs that they were selling. This was an amazing night filled with culture. I am so grateful that we had the opportunity to host that.

The performers expressed gratitude by our hospitality, bit I am gracious that they came to Marshall to treat us with an amazing performance. This was a wonderful evening, and am so happy we got to enjoy it here at Trinity.
Hello Friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are approaching another election season. Some of us are ready, while others are not. Some just do not want to think about the negativity that comes with elections. However we feel about elections, they are important, as they help determine who the next leaders are. For that, it is important for all voices to be heard. Unfortunately many people choose not to use their vote to give a voice. The last city election where we voted for new commissioners’ turnout was quite sad. Elections are our way to have our voice heard. When we do not use our vote we have no voice. This is why voting is important.

Just as voting gives us a voice, you all have a chance to have your voice heard with the CAT parish inventory. For many of the church this is the only way your voice will be heard. Only a few will serve on the search committee, only a few on the vestry. These are the two entities that will be making the selection of the new rector. The search committee uses the parish profile to find a new priest. The parish profile is put together by the results of the survey. This gives potential rectors, as well as the search committee an honest look at who Trinity Episcopal Church is, as well as who they want to be. This is why it is important to have the voices of all the members heard, not just a few. We need all the members to be honest and share who Trinity is. When we have a few respondents we are not getting a true snapshot of the parish. When we have most if not all of the parish, we get a true idea. Further, if some do not do the survey their voice is not heard.

As of writing this, we have only received 18 responses. Please, use your voice. Use your voice in this survey. Help us put together the Parish Profile. It is a very important part of the search process for the new rector. For many, this is the primary way your voice will be used. Be a part of this parish profile, and use your voice. If you need help with the survey, and did not make it to the Saturday offering, you can notify one of the CAT committee members listed later on in this tripod.

My, as well as the vestry’s hope, is that the entire parish participates. I know it is long, I know it take some time, but it is worth it. It is an opportunity to take part in this search process. It is an opportunity for you to say who you think Trinity Episcopal Church is, and who you want Trinity to be. Use that opportunity, and use your voice.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew
LEGACY CLOSET “MINI” CLOSET IN MARSHALL

Legacy Closet was started in Longview by a foster mom wanting to support other foster families. What started in a backyard shed is now a 501(c)3 with a main location in Longview. We, at Trinity, are opening a closet and another one is coming soon to Daingerfield. As foster parents, Kenneth and I have received children from several counties, most coming with little more than the clothes they’re wearing. What Legacy Closet has done for us is asked for our needs (clothing sizes, shoe sizes, etc) and had a volunteer pull items we needed so we didn’t have to take a scared and confused child to Walmart. Our licensing agency, based in Longview, would then deliver these items. Personally, I met a CPS caseworker at the Longview closet so she could get items needed for kids on her case load. We also allow foster parents to “shop,” for free, for items they need such as school clothes, school supplies, etc. Recently, a friend from the Texarkana area came to our house to get beds for her children as we replaced all of the kids’ beds and were giving her some of the old ones. On the way home, she stopped at the Longview closet to get items she needed. At a recent board meeting, a friend’s daughter said “Legacy receives donations but we give out love.” We are completely separate from the Rainbow Room but, in my experience, equally valuable and worthy of support. We would love your support with new or gently used clothes, gear (not expired and never been in an accident car seats, strollers, etc) or anything a child (newborn to teenage) might need. We support all foster families through these donations. Also, we are hoping our church, as well as other churches and businesses, would host drives for diapers and new packages of socks and underwear. Thank you to Trinity Church for allowing us the space to serve these families.

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: pens, pencils, erasers

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!
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### 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

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### Wednesday Nights

There will not be any regular Wednesday Night Family Dinners or Children’s program during the Summer.

However, there will be a fun children’s activity as well as a pizza dinner once a month. We will resume regularly scheduled Wednesday programming when school resumes in the Fall.

Please note the dates for Children’s programs during the summer on Page 10 of this Tripod.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER!**
A message from our Youth Director

I’m very excited about our summer mission trip to New Orleans this July. I believe it will be both spiritually and physically challenging. We will be staying on the campus of New Orleans Theological Baptist Seminary. Our project this year will focus on the homeless population. It may include handing out water bottles in the streets, giving out care packages to the homeless or working on an inner-city playground with local children.

Trinity Youth will learn and apply practical ways to express the love of Jesus to others while sharing a meaningful missions experience- an experience that will hopefully carry over into life back in Marshall.

In the past our team has worked construction in disaster areas and helped with displaced children. This mission trip is going to require us to wrestle with our own spiritual commitment and walk. It is my prayer that the LORD deepens our understand of who we are in Him and places a life-long focus on His greatness and a commitment to always be mission minded for the Kingdom.

Please be in prayer for our team as we prepare our hearts and minds for this project. Pray for discernment and wisdom as we encounter the homeless. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us the inter strength to express and share our Christian faith with others.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement to Trinity Youth.

Rae Dickson
Our Core Values:
Commitment to Jesus Christ
Authority of Scripture
Evangelism
Relational Ministry
Worship
Servant Ministry
Sacrificial Giving
Biblical Leadership

Girl Scouts
Hamburger Supper & Silent Auction
June 7 @ 5pm
All Saint’s Hall

Parents’ Night Out

June 8
4:30 - 8:30pm
Sign up in nursery
A Letter from the CAT Committee

Together, we are planning our future!

The first step to planning our church future begins with hearing your voice. We are asking you to participate in a Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT for short). This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. CAT consists of a variety of survey questions. The results will help the Vestry and our future priest, understand the range of views that exist within our church, and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future. We will utilize HolyCow! Consulting to compile the survey results. Many priests ask to see the CAT results to determine if they will be a good fit for the church.

Note: It may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family. INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences. It is important, each of you age 16 and older, answer the survey questions individually. Please set aside enough time to answer all 107 questions of the survey in one sitting. The survey cannot be stopped and restarted without returning back to the beginning. The entire survey must be answered or the survey will be voided. A cross will be used as a measuring stick to monitor survey completion. For every 10 completed surveys, a section of the cross will be filled.

The anonymous survey will be conducted through Survey Monkey and can be accessed using the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrinityECMarshall

Paper copies of the survey can be obtained from the church office or from a member of the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) team. To keep the results anonymous, all completed paper surveys will be returned in a provided sealed envelope. You may contact a member of the CAT team for questions and/or assistance in filling out the survey. CAT/Fill the Cross luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 1. Assistance will be available for filling out the survey from 10:30-11:30 with lunch provided from 11:30-12:30. Please contact the church office if you will be attending the luncheon.
CAT Timeline:

May 19 CAT introduction

May 20 Survey window opens

CAT survey window May 20 – June 10.

Fill the Cross Luncheon and CAT assistance June 1 from 10:30-12:30

For every 10 completed surveys, a section of a large cross will be colored.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregation assessment and for helping to build the future of Trinity Church. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the CAT team: Kathleen Abraham, Chris Altnau, Angela Bray, or Tony Pierce.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
5:30-7:00 PM

MOVIE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019
5:30-7:45 PM

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW PAINTING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019
5:30-7:00 PM
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
Don Bramlett
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

Behold, I come among you as one who serves.
Luke 22:27

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