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Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform
Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 163 years in Marshall, Texas

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Christmas Services and Events

December 21

5:30 PM	Lessons & Carols
6:30 PM	Children's Program in All Saints' Hall
7:00 PM	Parish Christmas Party

December 24

10:00 AM	Mass 1928 BCP
5:30 PM	Family Service
10:30 PM	Choral Concert
11:00 PM	Midnight Mass

December 25

10:00 AM	Mass
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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.

Altar Guild

One of the most significant seasons in our church is Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. It is the Altar Guild's duty to decorate the church and prepare for each service during this most holy time. To each of us it is a labor of love. The results are always beautiful.

Following Christmas the start of a new year begins and new assignments for Altar Guild members will be given. We are still in need of new volunteers to work in the Guild. Some of our members have been working members for over forty years. It is vital that when they retire there will be a new generation to take their place. You will not find a more rewarding service or one that draws you closer to our Savior.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Lessons and Carols

The Service of Lessons and Carols is a service that dates back to the early days of the Anglican Church. It is a wonderful musical celebration of the Christmas story. The service was conceived as a means of passing on the story of Christ's birth to a population that generally could not read or write. Telling of the Incarnation in Scripture and song was an effective way passing the Incarnation from one generation to another.

Each year we hold a Service of Lessons and Carols the Sunday Evening before Christmas. This year it will be Sunday, December 21st at 5:30 PM. This is a wonderful way for a family to begin their Christmas celebration and get the entire family excited about the coming of our Lord.

The parish Children's Program will take place following Lessons and Carols in All saints' Hall. We will also have our Parish Christmas Party following the Children's Program.

Breakfast Hosts Needed

As most of you are aware we have a full breakfast almost every Sunday. It is a great time to visit with friends & family before heading to Sunday school. The cost for breakfast is only \$2 that's the best deal anywhere.

Currently we have six families & our Scout group that are serving, it would be great to get at least two more families, but many would be welcome. If we can get more people involved we would only need to serve between 5 or 6 times in a year.

As of today our families prepare for around 50-60 people, most have the same menu when they cook and the best thing it's really pretty easy.

If you are interested in this ministry you can contact the office or Gary Beavers. The sooner the better as I need to begin getting the schedule for 2015 in the works soon.

Thanks,
Gary

Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a hymn that begins: "Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son." We are in the season of Thanksgiving and perhaps we sometimes lose sight of what we can be truly thank for. This has been a trying year for so many of our parishioners, jobs lost, illnesses, the death of a loved one; all these can sometimes cast a large shadow over the entire idea of thankfulness.

I want to assure each of us that we always have one thing we can give for, and that is the love of God made manifest in His Son Jesus Christ. In the midst of all trials and sufferings - Christ stands in the midst with us. He never leaves our side. True, there are times we might not always feel His presence because our suffering seems so deep we cannot see much beyond that, but He is there.

As many of you know my wife and I were struggling with some serious illnesses last year. There were times that there seemed to be no light at the end of that tunnel. There were times when feelings of hopelessness and helplessness would set in. There were times when we would feel so very alone in the midst of all that was going on. Yet, in the times of fear, in the times when things were bleak we were never felt alone. We would count our blessing daily giving thanks to God for the gift of this one day. A precious gift that we were given to love and to share. There was never a wasted day. There was always the day we were given to share God's love for each of us and our love for one another.

We have one day in which we are asked to focus of the blessings that have been poured out upon us. Is it really only one day we are called to give thanks or is it every day? Certainly Thanksgiving Day is a special day; but the Lord would like us to make each day a special day. A day in which we praise and worship Him for the blessing of that one precious day. It will never come again. A person will never have the opportunity to give thanks and praise to God again for that day. Give thanks with a grateful heart.



Pax et Bonum.

Fr. John



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.

Women of Trinity

The Women of Trinity met on Wednesday, November 19th at Trinity Church. There guest speaker this month was our Choir Director and Organist, Jim Johnson. Following Jim's presentation in the Church the women held a luncheon in All Saints' Hall.

As a reminder the Women of Trinity is open to all women of the parish. They meet the third Wednesday of the month from September through May. Each meeting is followed by a luncheon in All Saints' Hall.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

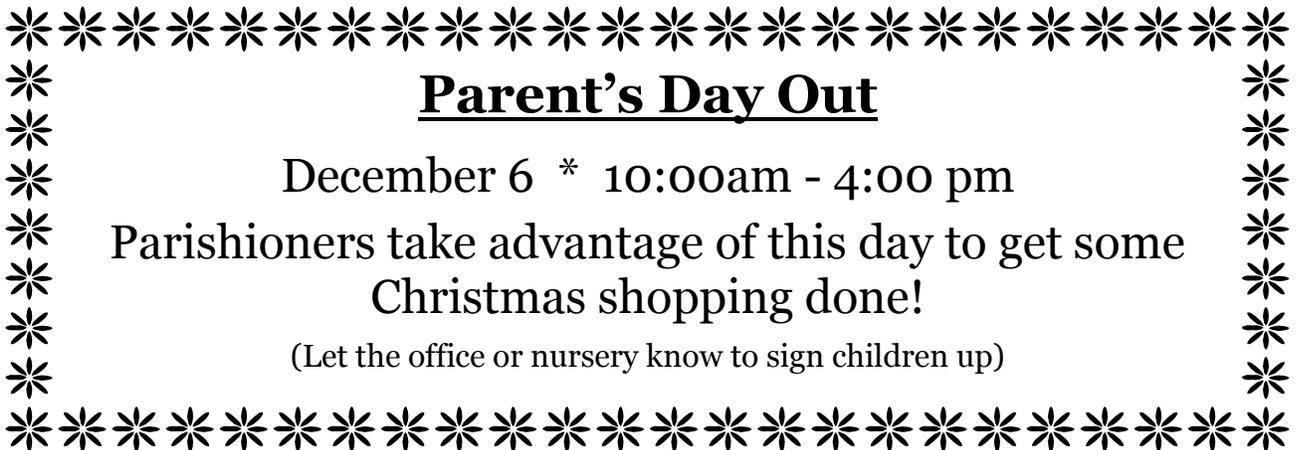
December Meeting Schedule
Wednesday, December 17th - 12:00 Bible Study at Jucy's
Saturday, December 20th - 10:00 AM Monthly Mtg at Golden Corral.

Men of Trinity

Next meeting: December 8th @ 5:30pm for dinner and fellowship. All men are invited!

Parent's Day Out

December 6 * 10:00am - 4:00 pm
Parishioners take advantage of this day to get some Christmas shopping done!
(Let the office or nursery know to sign children up)



Birthdays

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| 1 Dawn Briggle | 17 Tony Bridge |
| 2 Ronnie Hammers | 17 Griffin Jones |
| 3 Ty Staggers | 19 Mimi Gray |
| 5 Michael Runyan | 21 Tony Pierce |
| 6 Regina Patel | 21 Alaina Jones |
| 8 Jennifer Truelove | 22 Cooper Neal |
| 8 Starr Minatrea | 23 Patty Jager |
| 11 Pete Whaley | 23 Leslie Rhoades |
| 11 Dallan Shaw | 27 Betty Hightower |
| 13 Bill Lewis | 28 Brant Cain |
| 15 Kristen Furlow | 28 Kay Kemp |
| 16 Gloria Portman | 29 Natasha Brown Francois |
| | 31 Logan Jameson-Hatch |

Anniversaries

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| 4 | Mr. & Mrs. Joel Truelove |
| 5 | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cobb |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jones |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jeffries |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Runyan |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Godinich |
| 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Blake Hammers |
| 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Wes White |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Bud Spellings |
| 29 | Mr. & Mrs. Michael DeSa |
| 29 | Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Taylor |

Church Financials and Attendance for October 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773									
Budget Expenses for 2014	\$ 484,854									
Budget Difference for 2014	(\$ 2,082)									
Income Received to Date	\$ 384,512									
Expenses to Date	\$ 390,642									
Income for the month	\$ 39,211									
Expenses for the month	\$ 36,778									
Difference for the month	\$ 2,433									
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 6,131)									
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Attendance for September										
Sunday Attendance to date	6205									
Attendance all other Services	7727									

Lasagna w/out Noodles

Crescent rolls or pie crust roll
 2 lb ground meat
 1 cup spaghetti sauce
 1 cup sour cream
 1/2 onion, chopped
 1/2 green pepper, chopped
 Shredded cheese (whatever you like)

1. Brown meat & drain
2. Mix meat, spaghetti sauce, sour cream, & onion & pepper in bowl
3. Layer in 13 x 9 dish:
Meat mixture & cheese & repeat
4. Top with crescent rolls, not separated
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 min or until brown



Daughters of the King & JrDOK

Daughters and Junior Daughters of the King Celebrate New Members

On Sunday, December 7th, new Daughters and Junior Daughters of the King will take their vows during the 10:30 a.m. service. A reception will be held after the service to honor them and their families.

In the last three months, perspective members have received instruction in the form of a national study guide and through members of the Daughters who have shared the requirements and purpose of an order that began in the late 1800's. We

Coping with Change

There is an old bromide in the Episcopal Church about change. It seems that a light burned out in the narthex and the sexton went to change it. Immediately the hue and cry went out "change"! Meetings were called committees formed. It was discovered that the light in question had been provided by a well respected member of the Church. Voices cried out, "How do we dare change what has been given to us?" "How is the family going to feel about us making a change to the light." Discussion after discussion went on in committees, in gathering in the parish hall. The problem was looked at from every angle. All the while people dwelt in the darkness of the burned out light. The reason for the needed change had been forgotten, only the memory of how the light once offered a warming glow to the narthex.

Change can appear to be a threat or an opportunity. It all depends where a person chooses to stand. One thing is certain, change does happen. It can take place in an environment that seeks to see the promise of God within the change or it can take place in the context of fearing how it might change 'my world'. When we embrace God's invitation to change we find that we are light people who once stood in darkness now see a great light.



New Landscaping

Last winter was hard on our hedges in front of the church several of them died and the rest were suffering from disease. The vestry voted to replace the dying hedge with a more robust variety of bushes that will thrive in a location such as the entrance to the church.

The bushes were put in Thanksgiving week. These plants should do well with the proper care and serve to provide us with a beautiful and hospitable welcome to all



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership

For Mamie's Friends

We recently received an update from Mamie Lyon's son David on how she is doing. Many of us remember and miss her presence with us. I am sure she would enjoy hearing from her Trinity Family. The following is David's update.

Mamie has vascular dementia, which is a lot like Alzheimer's and is treated the same. There is no cure or reversing it - the medication is supposed to slow the progression. I believe she is squarely in Stage 5. See here:

I see her most days. My son Drew visits 2-3 times a month or so, and my cousin Kathy Koestner visits her most weeks.

Mom has always recognized me and I am very thankful for that. My goal every day is to help her feel loved, cared for, safe, and content. When I greet her each day, she wonders where she is and when or if she is leaving. She always seems to want to move to Dallas, which thankfully she already has, so that starts the conversation in a good direction. She will ask about different family members, and typically ask the same thing in a few minutes or so. She does occasionally seem to remember some new things, such as the latest visit from my son Drew, but almost never remembers seeing me the day before. She usually does not know the date, day of the week, or year. She forgets that my brother is married and lives in Seattle and sometimes forgets that she has grandkids. She is surprised when I tell her that she is 79. She literally does not remember more than a few minutes typically, but generally by the end of my visit, she is convinced that she likes living where she does and is thankful for our visits. I show her pictures of family visiting her to assure her that she gets visitors and is loved. She also enjoys pictures of my precious granddaughter Ella, who has visited her with my daughter a few times. Her long term memory is still pretty good. We sometimes reminisce and she enjoys that.

She has bad days rarely - she can be caught up in confusion or some delusion and I can't help her get out of it. Thankfully, this is less than 10% of the time and she forgets about these. She is usually aware of her short term memory loss and thankfully is OK with it almost all of the time.

She doesn't really have much interest in reading or watching TV anymore.

Though her short term memory is shot, she is almost always the same sweet, funny, loving, kind, generous, concerned, gentle person that I have always known her to be. She often wants to talk about giving Christmas gifts, helping family out financially, and "un-birthday" gifts.

Her diabetes is well-controlled and she still uses her walker as opposed to a wheelchair most of the time. She moves slowly but surely, pretty much as before. She generally looks and feels really well. She had a blood clot a while back and the medication caused some bruising and her left hand hurts sometimes. She gets therapy for that weekly. She sees a nurse practitioner weekly for a general checkup and a nurse checks her blood sugar several times a day. Whenever there is any change in medication or new health issue, the facility calls me and keeps me up to date. I take her to the neurologist 2-3 times a year.

Mom lives at <http://www.ccyoung.org/memory-care/> which is 15 minutes from my work and 15-20 minutes from my home. That is not why we selected it, but the location has been a huge blessing. I have been very active in meeting management and staff, and they see me there regularly. Here are some things I really love about CC Young:

The hands-on staff has amazing compassion and affinity for those in memory care. I have seen them hug my Mom and tell her that they love her when she says she loves them. These are amazing women who are skilled at what they do and have a true calling for serving this type of person. There is a very wide activities that are designed to stimulate and make use of the brain, including puzzles, art, trivia, singing, etc. She has a comfortable private room and is surrounded by family pictures. The facility is safe and secure - only one floor. Medical professionals on staff are very good. There is a very good salon onsite and I get Mom's hair done weekly and nails as needed. She really enjoys that. They sing hymns in a big room every day before dinner. They provide nutritional, tasty meals and snacks. Mom loves the variety of vegetables and always gives a good report on the food.

I hope this helps you understand how my Mom is doing and how you can pray for her. Thank you for blessing her life!



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Caroline Donica
*Children's Christian
Formation*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant

Melvin Williams
Sexton

Reggie Hasty
Treasurer

Vestry

Lowell Runyan
Senior Warden

Junior Warden
Henry Henderson

Laura Rectenwald
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Erik Howard

Terry Weeks

Paul Palmer

Randy Reeves

Clarence Brown

Cathy Cope

Matt Hatch

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

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

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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