



# **TRINITY PARISH LIFE GUIDE** **FALL 2018**

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Houston, Texas

# **WELCOME** to Trinity Episcopal Church



*Here you'll find a message you can understand and people you can relate to. Our doors are wide open to everyone from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.*

*We invite you to come as you are, take things at your own pace, meet others just like you, and start a new season of spiritual growth in your life.*

*We believe church is more than a building or organization, it is a community of people walking through life together, lending strength and support to one another in the good times and bad.*

*Want jazz? We got it. Want 17th century Anglican choral music? We got it. Beautiful architecture? We got it. We are sure you will find something at Trinity that makes it a perfect match for you.*

*We desire to relate to each other with a standard of love and forgiveness. At Trinity, we choose restoration over judgment, believing that God is more interested in your future than your past, and much more excited about pointing you towards your purpose rather than pointing out your mistakes.*

*So, please come as you are to Trinity. God delights in our diversity. Come see what makes our Parish so unique and why you will fit right in!*

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# MEET Our Clergy



## **The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins** *Rector*

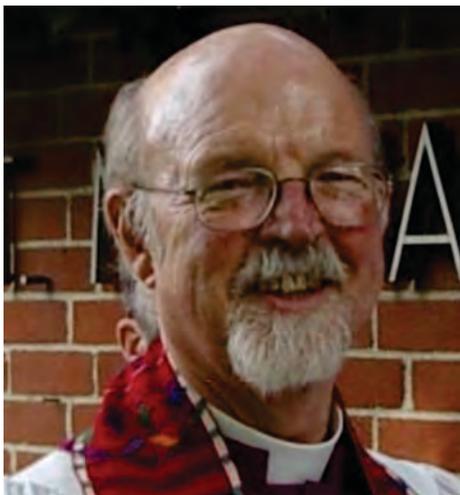
The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins began her service as Trinity's fifteenth rector on Sunday, September 9, 2007. To prepare herself as a third generation Episcopal priest, the Reverend Atkins earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Douglass College, Rutgers University and a masters degree in divinity at the General Theological Seminary in New York in May 1996, with additional masters level studies in theology at Universidad Centroamericana Jesuita in El Salvador. The Reverend Atkins has most recently served as Senior Assistant Rector at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C., as part of almost eight years of her parish service there. Before joining St. John's Church, she served as Director of Theological and Christian Education in the Diocese of the Episcopal/Anglican Church of El Salvador, Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist San Salvador, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Church Santa Teresa in San Martin, San Salvador, and as Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Amatepec, Soyapango, El Salvador. The Reverend Atkins is married to Elmer Romero and they have two sons together and two daughters in El Salvador.



## **The Rev. Rich Houser** *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Rich Houser served as a Staff Chaplain at C.H.I. St. Luke's/ Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in 2013-2014. Prior to that, he completed a year-long residency as a Chaplain Resident at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center following a year spent as Bishop's Fellow at St. Luke's. He is a Provisional Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains. Father Rich began his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Texas at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Cypress, TX serving as the Associate Vicar in charge of Youth, College, and Young Adult Ministries. He graduated from the University of the South, School of Theology receiving a Master of Divinity in May of 2009. Before seminary, Father Rich served two congregations as Youth Minister at Grace Episcopal Church, Alvin and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Lufkin. He grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University, College Station, graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Minor in Business. Father Rich was ordained Priest in January of 2010. He married Trish Muras in October of 2006. Patricia is a College Counselor at Episcopal High School in Houston. Father Rich and Trish have a daughter.

# MEET Our Clergy



## **The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry Atkins, Jr.**

### *Theologian in Residence*

The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry Atkins, Jr. is a retired priest canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey. Canon Atkins is an honorary Canon of the Diocese of Costa Rica, a graduate of Randolph Macon College, The Virginia Theological Seminary and holds a doctorate from The Graduate Theological Foundation in Notre Dame, Indiana. In addition, he has done post graduate work at The Mexican American Cultural Center, Boston College and Oxford University.

Canon Atkins has served parishes in Costa Rica, Virginia, Indianapolis, the Dominican Republic, New Hampshire and Los Angeles. He has also worked on the staff of the Washington Cathedral and served as a member of the staff of the Bishop of Rochester, NY. Canon Atkins has also served as chaplain to the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Rutgers University and Dartmouth College. He has served as a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, Rutgers University, the General Theological Seminary and El Instituto Pastoral Hispano. Canon Atkins has also served as a Theologian in Residence at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH and as a Martin Luther King Lecturer at Dartmouth College.

Canon Atkins served for 6 years as the chairperson of the Episcopal Church's National Commission on Racism and for 8 years as vice-president of the Anglican/Episcopal Theological Education Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2010 Canon Atkins was presented the Hugh White Award for outstanding work in the field of economic justice by the Episcopal Church's National Commission on Economic Justice. He has published many articles in various journals and books including *The Witness Magazine*, *Sojourners*, and *The International Review of Mission*.

Canon Atkins was a founding member of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, D.C. and worked for over 20 years as a facilitator and spiritual advisor for the Order of St. Helena.

Canon Atkins also holds a Black Belt in kickboxing in the Kempo-International School of Martial Arts.

# THE VESTRY

*The Vestry is the Board of Directors for the parish corporation. The Vestry is the authoritative body of the Congregation and is subject only to the Diocesan and National Church Canons. The Vestry is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation and is to communicate with the congregation about the goals, concerns, and functioning of the Church in the modern world.*

*The Senior Warden is appointed by the Rector from the Vestry members. The Junior Warden is elected by the vestry from its members. The wardens may be requested by the Rector to preside in his/her place as chair of the vestry meeting.*



## **2018 Vestry**

Robert Snellgrove, *Senior Warden* | John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

In alphabetical order: Shelby Bradley, Jim Castro, Alice Davidson, Robert Feltenberger, Ann McCoy, John Merullo, Carl Thompson, Libby Tsubai

Larry Laubach, *Treasurer* | Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer* | Carrie Hirdes, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*

Not pictured: Teddy Adams, *Chancellor* | Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor* | Joanne Starbuck, *Clerk of the Vestry* | Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*



*1940 Vestry*

# ONGOING PROGRAMS

## SUNDAY

Lord of the Streets	7:00 am, Church
Lord of the Streets Breakfast	8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>	<b>8:00 am, Chapel</b>
Parish Family Breakfast	9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Children and Catechesis of The Good Shepherd	9:30 am, Room 112
ECC–Tweens	9:30 am, Room 207
Youth Forum	9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Adult Christian Formation/Sunday Forum	9:30 am, Room 218
Parenting with Grace (bi-monthly)	9:30 am, Masterson Room
<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite I or II</b>	<b>10:30 am, Church</b>
Coffee Hour	11:45 am, Fellowship Hall
<b>Holy Eucharist, Rite III</b>	<b>12:30 pm, Chapel</b>

## DAILY

Alcoholics Anonymous (Monday–Friday)	12:15 pm, Youth Room
Evening Prayer/Feeding the Hungry (Monday–Friday)	5:30 pm, Church

## WEEKLY

Writing Circle (Tuesday)	11:00 am–12:00 pm
Psalm Study (Tuesday)	12:00 pm–1:00 pm
Yoga (Tuesday)	1:00 pm–2:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Eucharist (Wednesday)	6:00 pm, Morrow Chapel
Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday)	7:00 pm, Room 218
Pub Theology (Wednesday)	7:00 pm, Alley Kat

## MONTHLY

Sandwich Makers	1st Tuesdays, 10:00 am 3rd Sundays, during Coffee Hour 1st Fridays, (September–May), 10:00 am
Garden Club	1st Fridays, (September–May), 10:00 am
Women’s Circle	4th Tuesdays, 5:30 pm <i>check calendar for exceptions</i>
Young Professionals	Various times & dates
Youth Ministry	Various times & dates
Peace Cranes	Various times & dates

# CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

## AUGUST 2018

- 05 (Sun.) Trinity Choir Returns
- 12 (Sun.) Pentecost 12
- 19 (Sun.) Youth Visioning
- 26 (Sun.) Blessing of Backpacks, Choir Commissioning, Hymn Sing

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- 02 (Sun.) Labor Day Weekend, Picnic Coffee Hour
- 09 (Sun.) Aloha Sunday + Invitation Sunday,
- 16 (Sun.) Pentecost 17, Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 23 (Sun.) Pentecost 18
- 30 (Sun.) Pentecost 19, Ministry Training Day Service

## OCTOBER 2018

- 07 (Sun.) Blessing of Animals, 4:00 pm
- 14 (Sun.) Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 21 (Sun.) Pentecost 22
- 28 (Sun.) Stewardship Kickoff, 12:30 pm service moves to 1:00 pm, Evensong, 4:00 pm

## NOVEMBER 2018

- 04 (Sun.) All Saints' Prayer for the Dearly Departed
- 11 (Sun.) Veteran's Day, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 18 (Sun.) In Gathering Sunday, Diversity Potluck, 11:45–12:45, 12:30 pm service moves to 1:00 pm
- 21 (Wed.) LOTS Thanksgiving Service and Lunch 11:00 am & 12:00 pm
- 25 (Sun.) Christ the King Sunday – Gifts that Matter, Giving Fair, 11:45 am–12:30, Fellowship Hall

## DECEMBER 2018

- 02 (Sun.) 1 Advent–Advent Wreath Making, 9:30–10:15 am, Giving Fair, 11:45 am–12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 09 (Sun.) 2 Advent  
Caroling to the Homebound, 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 15 (Sat.) Longest Night/ Blue Christmas Liturgy 6:00 pm
- 16 (Sun.) 3 Advent–Lessons and Carols, 10:30 am
- 23 (Sun.) 4 Advent
- 24 (Mon.) Come As You Are Pageant & Rite II  
5:30 pm Choral Prelude  
6:00 pm Service  
Christmas Eve Liturgy  
10:00 pm Choral Prelude  
10:30 pm Service
- 25 (Tue.) Christmas Day Liturgy 11:00 am
- 30 (Sun.) I Christmas

## JANUARY 2019

- 05 (Sat.) Epiphany Bonfire Service, Burning of the Greens, 5:30 pm
- 06 (Sun.) Epiphany
- 13 (Sun.) I Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 20 (Sun.) II Epiphany, Martin Luther King, Jr, Annual Meeting, 9:15–10:15 am
- 27 (Sun.) III Epiphany, Jazz Fest, featuring the music of Women of Jazz, 11:00 am

## FEBRUARY 2019

- 03 (Sun.) IV Epiphany Commissioning of Vestry, Souper Bowl of Caring
- 10 (Sun.) V Epiphany, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:00 pm
- 17 (Sun.) VI Epiphany
- 21–23 Diocesan Council (Thu.–Sat.)
- 24 (Sun.) Big Country Mass featuring the music of Waylon Jennings, 11:00 am

# Day of Dialogue



**Larry Payne** is Vice President of The Desir Group – Human Capital Management, Education, Training and Consulting Firm, based in Houston. Larry previously served as President and CEO of Houston Habitat for Humanity. *The Heart of HoUSTon: Lessons in Servant Leadership*, is Larry's most recent endeavor. The book explores ways in which we can create sustainable leadership, personal transformation and authentic involvement for individuals and organizations.



**Chris Tomlinson** (left) is a New York Times bestselling-author, filmmaker and journalist living in Austin, Texas. He has spent 20 years as a correspondent for The Associated Press reporting from 30 countries and nine war zones. He is the author of *Tomlinson Hill* which chronicles the history of two Tomlinson families, one black and one white, who trace their history to a Central Texas slave plantation.

**Rev. Susan Yarborough** (right) is a native Texan who grew up in Dallas, graduated from Baylor University, attended graduate school at Rice University, graduated from the University of Houston Law School, and practiced law in the state and federal courts of New York and Texas before being appointed to a judgeship on the United States Immigration Court, where she served for eighteen years before retiring in 2005 and writing *Bench-Pressed: A Judge Recounts the Many Blessings and Heavy Lessons of Hearing Immigration Asylum Cases*. Susan felt called to ministry in 1953 when she was seven years old, and sixty years later she responded to that call by entering seminary. She is now an ordained Unitarian minister.



The event is free but you must register by September 5th at [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)

**Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown offers**

## ***Day of Dialogue: Racism and Immigration in America***

**Moderated by Trinity's Rector,  
The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins**

Come and join a safe, respectful, and loving Conversation where we will learn new information, dispel fears and guilt, and come together to discuss issues of racism and immigration in America, considered in a Christian context.

**Join us for this event at Trinity Midtown**

**1015 Homan Street  
Houston, Texas 77004  
on September 8th  
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch Included**

# ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Peace Crane Folding Project

It's never too late to participate in folding 1,000 origami cranes as a prayerful practice to promote peace! The cranes will be displayed in the chapel and later gifted to individuals and causes as a ministry. Check website for future dates.

## Sunday Forum

Most Sundays of the program year (Sept - June) from 9:30-10:15am in Room 218, this ongoing educational opportunity offers a wide range of subjects and issues central to living a Christ-centered life in the 21st Century. Facilitated by parish clergy, ministry leaders and guest presenters the ultimate aim of this long-standing tradition in Adult Christian Education at Trinity Church is to help parishioners "grow in the knowledge and love of the Triune God." See website for more details and schedule.

## Parenting with Grace

Parents interested in exploring and discussing raising children of faith in a spiritual community gather to support and enrich each other's lives through intentional discussion about how to raise children in accordance with God's grace. We focus discussion on books related to parenting that we choose together. We meet every other week. Contact: Sarah Frazier frazier\_sarah@hotmail.com for schedule.



## The Creative Practice Writing Circle

The Creative Practice Writing Circle will meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 am beginning September 5. We will meet in the Masterson library from 11:00 am to noon. This group will engage in writing for an hour together. There will be a brief centering introduction and conclusion and the rest of the time will be in silence as we write together. All writers are welcome to practice all kinds of writing, from journaling to poetry to longer fiction or nonfiction projects. We will not be sharing our writing formally during the circle. The intent of the circle is to provide time, space, and community as we create side by side. Bring whatever you want to write and join us!

# PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH THE ROMEROS



**What:** A pilgrimage to celebrate the official recognition of Salvadoran martyr and Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero as a saint - lead by Mr. Elmer Romero and the Rev. Hannah Elizabeth Atkins Romero.

**Where:** Rome, Italy.

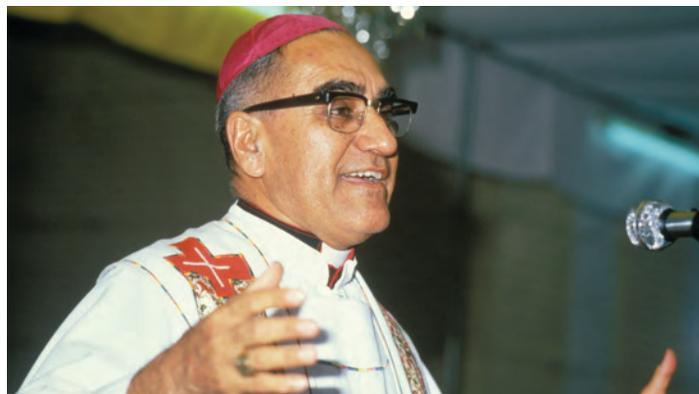
**Dates:** Arrive before October 13th and leave after October 21st, you handle your travel arrangements as best suits you. The group will meet on the evening of October 13th in Rome at San Gregorio al Celio Monastery. This is the Monastery where St. Augustine of Canterbury and his Benedictine Monks were sent out by Pope Gregory I in 597 AD as missionaries to England. Group members will stay there if they book early.

**Accommodations:** Book early to stay as a group at San Gregorio al Celio Monastery. Otherwise, please book accommodations close to the monastery which is close to the Coliseum. We will gather for prayer and fellowship every day at San Gregorio al Celio Monastery before heading out for the day's itinerary.

**Trip highlights:** Oct. 14th participate in public Ceremony at the Vatican where Bishop Romero will be designated sainthood, visits to the Anglican Center in Rome, attend Church at St. Paul's With-in the Walls, visit places where Archbishop Romero studied and prayed, mission sites for the Episcopal/Anglican Church in Rome, and other historic religious, cultural, and culinary places of importance. Final full itinerary will reflect interests of pilgrimage participants.

**Cost:** There are no overhead or coordination fees. Flights will be arranged individually. Stay at the Monastery in a double room is 35 Euros per person, with coffee and Danish included in the morning. We will eat at mostly modestly priced locations, with one group meal at a highend restaurant. We will take public transportation and taxis. We will discuss specifics at group meetings.

**For more information, contact Elmer Romero at [romeroatkins@gmail.com](mailto:romeroatkins@gmail.com).**



# ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

## Sunday Morning Forum Topics

Adult Forum Schedule check [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org) for updates.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 02 Conversation with our seminarian, Rhonda Rogers
- 09 Larry Payne, Race and Religion, Hannah Atkins
- 16 Immigration and Faith, Elmer Romero
- 23 Steps and Recovery, Henry L. Atkins, Jr.
- 30 The Parables, A Two-Part Series, Hannah Atkins

### OCTOBER 2018

- 07 The Parables, Second of Two, Hannah Atkins
- 14 The Making of Romero, a Modern-Day Saint, HLA, Jr.
- 21 Multiculturalism, Denise Trevino
- 28 Planned Giving with Jim Murphy, Annual Giving Kickoff

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 04 Missional Communities, Jason Evans,
- 11 Lord of the Streets, Ann McCoy
- 18 Ingathering Sunday,  
Trinity Financial Mission, Finance Committee
- 25 Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation,  
Bishop Andy Doyle

### DECEMBER 2018

- 02 Spirituality of Incarnation, HLA, Jr.
- 09 Spirituality of Incarnation, HLA, Jr
- 16 Peace Cranes and Prayers, Libby Tsubai
- 23 Advent IV, no forum
- 30 No Forum

### JANUARY 2019

- 06 Epiphany, The Stars Align in Christ, Hannah Atkins
- 13 Meet the Vestry Candidates
- 20 Annual Meeting–No Forum
- 27 Jazz Fest–No Forum

### FEBRUARY 2019

- 03 Super Bowl of Caring, EAC speaker
- 10 Living Well Through Lent
- 17 Living Well Through Lent
- 24 Big Country Mass

### MARCH 2019

- 03 Upcoming Mission Trips, Rich Houser
- 10 Lenten Series
- 17 Lenten Series
- 24 Lenten Series
- 31 Instructed Eucharist/no sermon/class on Instructed Eucharist, Hannah

### APRIL 2019

- 07 TBD
- 14 Palm Sunday/No Forum
- 21 Easter Sunday/No Forum
- 28 No Forum

### MAY 2019

- 05 Stations of the Light
- 12 Mother's Day/Images of Mary, Mother of Christ
- 19 Stations of the Light
- 26 Stations of the Light

### JUNE 2019

- 02 Stations of the Light
- 09 Inclusive Language
- 16 Trinity Sunday/ Endowment Board Presentation

# ADULT EDUCATION

## Workshop on Planned Giving for Parish Leaders

Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown | 1015 Holman Street at Main St., Houston, TX 77004 | 713-528-4100

Both parishes with an existing Planned Giving ministry and/or an Endowment, as well as those without one, will benefit from this workshop. This workshop reviews best practices and empowers leadership to be able to take the best, next steps for their congregation!

**Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9:00 am–12:30 pm**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am**

### Setting Up a Planned Giving Program for Your Parish

Take the mystery out of planned giving for your parish. Learn in easy to understand terms how planned giving differs from annual stewardship and capital campaigns, and how your parish can build endowments through wills and life income and other planned gifts. After a review of the planned giving instruments, you will learn about the importance of a parish vision, protecting and growing your endowment, and how to invite others to remember your parish through estate and financial planning. You will leave the workshop with a plan of action.

**Break: 10:30 am-10:40am**

**10:40 am - 11:30 am**

### Importance of Endowment Structure

Every church, no matter how large or how small, deserves to have a well-structured endowment in place. Endowments breathe life into a congregation. They make new ministries possible, spark creative outreach projects, ease the burden of long-term capital expenses, and secure the future of our churches. From the donor's perspective, a well-ordered endowment provides a trustworthy means of making a legacy gift.

**11:30 am-12:30 pm**

### Creating a Legacy Society and using Planned Giving on Demand for Your Parish

Join us to learn how to use the resources provided by ECF's new toolkit, Planned Giving on Demand to encourage new gifts to support your parish's future through estate and financial planning. We will also review how to create and sustain a Legacy Society to encourage giving to your parish for decades to come.

**Sunday, October 28, 2018, 9:30 am–10:15 am**

### Sunday Adult Forum

Join us for a discussion led by James W.N. Murphy on Planned Giving.

To register for the workshop, please contact Marcia Quintanilla at [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org) or 713-528-4100 by Tuesday, September 23.



**James W.N. Murphy**

*CFRE Managing Program Director*

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Jim Murphy is Managing Program Director of Financial Resources at the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF). He oversees ECF's Financial Resource development programs and resources, including planned giving, donor solutions and endowment management. He leads workshops and works with congregations, dioceses, and other Episcopal organizations to enhance and develop their programs and resources.

Prior to joining ECF in 2008, Jim was Director of the Master of Arts Program and Program Manager for Lifelong Learning & the Center for Christian Spirituality at the General Theological Seminary. For more than 16 years he worked for a major international law firm in NYC, serving in a number of financial management roles. He has been an active volunteer leader in stewardship, parish administration, and Christian formation ministries in several Episcopal parishes in New York and New Jersey.

A native of Lansing, MI, Jim holds a Certificate in Fundraising from New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, an MA in Christian Spirituality from the General Theological Seminary, and a BS from NYU's Stern School of Business. Jim is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION



## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to meet in The Atrium 1, room 112, Sundays from 9:30 – 11:15 am. We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach to spiritual Formation and are led by two certified COGS teachers. The children leave the Atrium to process into the church with their catechists after the Peace, they are blessed, and return to their families in the church. Drop-ins are welcome.



## **Episcopal Children's Curriculum**

ECC Tweens is a children's Sunday school group for 3-6 grade kids. We meet every Sunday in room 207 from 9:30-10:15 through May 27th in which we learn about bible stories and themes. There is often a craft or game as part of the class. The group also meets about once a month for activities of fellowship or outreach. Families are encouraged to participate in other seasonal activities and liturgies throughout the year.



## **Christmas Come as You Are Pageant**

Children meet at 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve and choose their roles in Jesus' birth narrative. Pageant occurs during the 6pm service.

## **Parenting with Grace**

Parents interested in exploring and discussing raising children of faith in a spiritual community gather to support and enrich each other's lives through intentional discussion about how to raise children with strong Christian beliefs. Starting again this fall on Sunday September 9, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Smith Room and every other week after that during the fall season.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

*Families of all types are invited to participate!*



## Family Ministry Events:

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### **Friday Evening Dinners at Parishoners' Homes**

Friday, October 5, 2018, 7–9pm

Friday, November 2, 2018, 7–9pm

# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

## Fall 2018 Events by Date

Sunday, August 26    Blessing of the Backpacks, all services

Sunday, October 7    Blessing of the Animals, 4:00pm

### Friday Evening Dinners at Parishioners' Homes

Friday, October 5, 2018 7-9pm

Friday, November 2, 2018 7-9pm

Sunday, December 2    Advent Wreath Making, 9:45am

Sunday, December 10    Caroling to the homebound, 2:00pm

Monday, December 24    Come as You Are Pageant, 5:30pm, meet in room 207

# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CALENDAR

## Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm	Parenting with Grace (bi-weekly)	9:30 am–10:15 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–10:45 am	Sandwich Makers (monthly)	11:45 am–12:30 pm
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am		

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- 09 Sunday School for all Ages Begins
- 16 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- 23 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- 30 19th Sunday after Pentecost

## OCTOBER 2018

- 07 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- 14 21st Sunday after Pentecost
- 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
- 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

## NOVEMBER 2018

- 04 24th Sunday after Pentecost
- 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost
- 18 26th Sunday after Pentecost
- 21 LOTS Thanksgiving Service and Lunch - 11:00 am
- 25 Christ the King Sunday

## DECEMBER 2018

- 02 1st Sunday of Advent
- 09 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 15 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 23 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 30 First Sunday after Christmas – No Sunday School

# YOUTH MINISTRY

*Trinity's Youth Program is for those entering 6th grade through 8th grade and those entering 9th through 12th grade. Meeting two to three times a month, youth participate in fellowship events at the church and in the community, have educational events, and participate in a service project on a rotating basis. Youth also participate in special events at the church throughout the year. Youth participate in Diocesan mission trips, camps, and other activities. Youth also participate in events that partner with nearby church youth groups. The youth have a shared meeting space above the kitchen featuring air hockey, a pool table, Ping-Pong, and comfortable spaces to congregate. The youth plan their own events through a visioning process that happens at the beginning of January and the end of August.*



# YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Encounter Spirit (YES) 6th–8th Grade  
Youth Happening 9th–12th Grade**

Both of these retreats bring together diocesan youth as a Christian community. YES helps foster a clearer appreciation of self, richer relationships with others, and a deeper experience with Jesus. Happening provides a method that helps youth develop and nourish a teen's faith in Christ. Both retreats take place three times a year in September, November, and April. Check [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org) for more information.

**September 2018  
Happening #160**  
September 7, 2018

**November 2018  
YES (Youth Encounter Spirit) #129**  
November 16, 2018  
**Happening #161**  
November 16, 2018

## Youth Ministry Fall Calendar

August 19	Youth Visioning
September 9	Senior High Youth Cook Breakfast with Trinity's LOTS Cook Team
September 23	Junior High Youth Event
October 14	Senior High Youth Bible Study in Youth Room
October 26-27	Junior and Senior High Lock in at Trinity
December 9	Junior High and Senior High Christmas Party with Caroling to the Homebound to Follow

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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



*Trinity's Young Professionals ministry is intended for adults 21 years and older who seek a social offering in an informal setting. Participants meet occasionally at a designated restaurant or venue in the Midtown area. Special events also occur during the year. Activities vary from social gatherings, service projects, and book studies. Childcare is reimbursed.*

## **Saturday, October 13, 8 pm**

Young Professionals meet at CSZ Houston for their ComedySportz show

## **Saturday, December 1, 6 pm**

Young Professionals Christmas Party at the Houser's

# MUSIC MINISTRY



## **Trinity Choir**

The Trinity Choir provides musical leadership for the 10:30 Sunday liturgy and special services for 11 months of the year. In addition, the choir sings for special services and sponsors Hymn Sings. By special request, they are available to sing for weddings and funerals. The choir rehearses every week on Wednesday at 7 pm.

## **Interested in Joining the Choir?**

The Trinity Choir is always looking for new members! Membership requires a serious investment of time, dedication, and commitment as the choir sings and rehearses about 48 weeks per year. An informal interview with Collin Boothby, Organist/Choirmaster is necessary to discuss your musical goals and determine proper voice placement. For more information, contact Collin Boothby at [music@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:music@trinitymidtown.org).

## **Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline**

On the second Sunday evening of every month, plan on coming to Trinity at 7 pm to hear a short concert from local artists, and participate in Choral Compline, the church's evening prayer, led by the Trinity Choir. This beautiful service is the perfect time to pray, meditate, and prepare for the week ahead.

Please note: the first Concert & Choral Compline will be on September 16, but will be on the second Sunday of the month, starting on October 14.



## **Trinity Jazz Ensemble**

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble provides contemporary music for Sunday worship at Trinity Church. The music is sensitive, joyous and gentle Jazz, gospel, classical and traditional, always in an acoustic, unamplified setting.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Trinity Women's Circle

Trinity Women's Circle meets monthly for quiet time, reflection, sharing, and prayer. The circle is facilitated by Hannah Atkins and Sarah Flick. This community has been gathering for four years and welcomes anyone who is interested in participating.

The circle meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in Room 210. We finish between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

You are welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact Sarah at [sarahflick2009@gmail.com](mailto:sarahflick2009@gmail.com).

## Women's Retreat

Look for upcoming details on our website.

*..Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come. She  
opens her mouth with wisdom, and the  
teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
Proverbs 31:25-26*

# PASTORAL CARE

*...pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16*

## **Healing Ministry**

Members of the Healing Ministry are available to pray with persons seeking the healing of mind, body and spirit. Prayers are considered confidential. The Healing Ministry works closely with the clergy to keep them informed of prayer requests so that they may offer the full ministry of the church to persons seeking prayer. Healing Ministry prayer teams are ordinarily available during each of the Sunday worship services. Contact: Mike Laster [mlaster@wba-law.com](mailto:mlaster@wba-law.com)

## **Hospitality Apartments**

The Hospitality Apartments provide free temporary housing in a welcoming and supportive environment for families who are in need while receiving medical treatment in or nearby the Texas Medical Center. Trinity is one of four area Episcopal parishes that take communion to guests at the Hospitality Apartments each Sunday afternoon. Contact: Joanne Starbuck [jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net)

## **Prayer Chain**

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to Trinity members interested in praying when requests are received. These request for our Trinity family, as an example, could be for the sick, deaths, families in need, or someone who needs prayers but doesn't want to give any explanation. There are no meetings to attend; just your time spent in quiet prayer. Prayer request are passed from the church office or by individuals to Pauline Maybee who sends out a request via email to team members who pray individually. Prayer intentions are held in confidence by team members.

Contact: Pauline Maybee at [pmmaybee@gmail.com](mailto:pmmaybee@gmail.com)

## **Pastoral Care Team Visits**

Pastoral care visits are provided by clergy and lay ministers. Visits include scripture readings, prayer, news from the parish and sometimes Communion. Flowers from the altar are delivered to parishioners who are unable to attend services at Easter and Christmas. Notes and cards are sent at appropriate times as a way of helping homebound parishioners maintain a sense of inclusion with their Trinity family.

Contact: Rev. Hannah Atkins [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org)

# PASTORAL CARE



## Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Sunday of each month in Room 210. Knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn these skills are welcomed. Bring needle, hooks, and yarn, or come and make use of what we have on hand and begin creating a prayer shawl that will be given to someone who will benefit from this outward expression of God's love and mercy wrapped around them. This ministry is done individually according to personal schedules. Shawls are turned in to the clergy.

## Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a sacred practice of journeying with people as they deepen their relationship with the Divine, to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality, or receive additional spiritual support during special times of difficulty. If you are interested, you can inquire with our certified spiritual directors:  
Sarah Flick [sarahflick2009@gmail.com](mailto:sarahflick2009@gmail.com) or  
Bob Flick [revbobf@comcast.net](mailto:revbobf@comcast.net)

## Funeral Ministry

Trained volunteers work with family members of the deceased to ensure that arrangements go smoothly before and during the funeral service. Rather than a traditional funeral service, families sometimes elect to hold a memorial service for their loved one. Arrangements may specify separate services at the Columbarium located on the church property.

Contact: Mary Cloud [mhcloud@swbell.net](mailto:mhcloud@swbell.net)



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



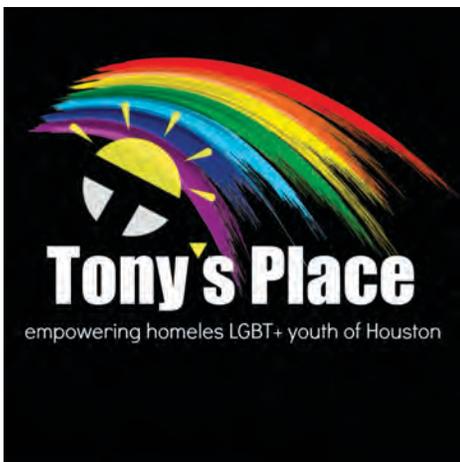
## Fill the Trailer

During Advent and Lent parishioners bring items to help the disadvantaged endure the different seasons. Blankets, clothing, coats, caps and other items are placed in the Trinity trailer and distributed before Christmas. During Lent, parishioners donate spring and summer items to be distributed before Easter to those in need. For more information contact Linda Davenport at [linda82735@yahoo.com](mailto:linda82735@yahoo.com).



## Evening Prayer

At Trinity, we take our Lord's commandment to feed the hungry seriously. Nearly every weeknight throughout the year, at 5:30 pm, we offer the beautiful Daily Office Evening Prayer liturgy, after which bags with sandwiches and other foods are distributed to all who attend. The Evening Prayer services are led by lay members of Trinity who are licensed by the Diocese as Worship Leaders. When the service is over, the officiant distributes the sandwich bags to the members of the congregation, offering each a smile and friendly handshake. Most officiants serve 2 or 3 days per month.



## Homeless Gay Kids Houston

Tony's Place has begun a new and important collaboration with The Salvation Army's Young Adult Resource Center (YARC) to serve young people who are experiencing homelessness.

The two organizations are moving from their current locations to begin sharing space at their new campus at 1603 McGowen Street in July. Each will maintain its separate identity, while providing services that complement those of the other.

"The Salvation Army's mission is to serve those most in need, without discrimination, and to meet the need of its local community," said Major Kent Davis, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Greater Houston. "Through this collaboration with Tony's Place, we will be able to provide more services to the young adults who reach out to us for help."

## Hurricane Harvey Recovery

Our relief coordinator is Debra Desaulniers. You can contact her at [debrades55@gmail.com](mailto:debrades55@gmail.com).

Donate to recovery efforts through Trinity by clicking on this link <https://goo.gl/SRYp2h> Put in the byline: Harvey Recovery. If you donate through the website to the discretionary fund we have the ability to help out directly and all funds will go to aid.

Donate to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Flood Relief Fund Here: <https://my.e360giving.com/g3/>

Donate to Episcopal Relief and Development here: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

## Adopt-a-Bag

This program is an opportunity for parishioners and friends to support and extend the ministry to the homeless by supporting the Sandwich Makers. "Adopt" a specified number of bags and the funds are dedicated to purchasing the items to prepare and distribute the sack meals distributed each weekday evening to the homeless who come to Evening Prayer.

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Annual Outreach Fundraiser

**We Are Family**, Trinity's annual fundraiser will be held Friday, September 7, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a wine reception beginning at 6:00 pm, courtesy of our wine sponsor **Duchman Family Winery** followed by dinner in the fellowship hall, catered by **Frankie B. Mandola's Catering**. Music will be provided by The **Trinity Jazz Ensemble**. Also, a colorful silent auction!

We will recognize this year's Day of Dialogue speakers, **Chris Tomlinson**, author and columnist, Houston Chronicle; **Larry Payne**, VP of The Desir Group and president of the Educational Excellence Resource Group; and The **Rev. Susan Yarbrough**, former Federal Immigration Judge and ordained minister, who will all be speaking the next day on Racism and Immigration.

**We Are Family** will benefit Trinity's community outreach including:

- Preparing Sunday breakfast for over 200 Lord of The Streets clients.
- Providing over 5,000 sack lunches each year for our homeless and near-homeless neighbors.
- Serving Thanksgiving lunch to 250.

**Over 15,000 meals were provided in 2017, and the numbers are expected to be higher in 2018. Raising money for these programs is critical to those who are most vulnerable and depend on us for the only meal they may eat on any given day.**

Tickets are available online, <http://www.trinitymidtown.org>, click on We Are Family.



## reVision

reVision leverages the power of community to connect kids experiencing profound disconnection with caring adult mentors, positive peer experiences, and life-changing resources, empowering them to revision a more hopeful future. Our hundreds of volunteers are committed to standing with the most marginalized and isolated youth not only trying to survive on the margins of society but struggling to find meaning on the margins of hope. To alter the inevitable trajectory towards homelessness, addiction, crime, sex-trafficking, incarceration, joblessness, gangs, and suicide, we affirm each youth's worth and potential, accept them into a compassionate community of kinship and become a someone to a kid who has no one. Sexually exploited children are among the most in need for compassionate, caring connection. Because of its expertise, track record, and credibility the Office of the Governor recently asked Houston: reVision to join its newly formed Child Sex Trafficking Team. The organization and its volunteers are playing a strategic role in the build out of this notable and vital effort.

Visit [HoustonreVision.org](http://HoustonreVision.org) for more information.

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Lord of the Streets–Cook & Serve Team

Six or seven times a year the Trinity Cook Team prepares and serves the Sunday morning breakfast for 200-240 Houston's homeless and needy. For 3 hours of kitchen labor on a Sunday morning, we enjoy a worthy ministry and share fun and fellowship serving the LOTS parishioners. Anyone can be part of our Team. LOTS is an outreach ministry started by Trinity over 25 years ago. We also volunteer on special occasions to cook for LOTS, including the annual LOTS Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Trinity. Contact: Ann McCoy [ann.mccoy@att.net](mailto:ann.mccoy@att.net)



## Lord of the Streets–Lay Ministers

Every Sunday at 7:00 am the Lord of the Streets lay ministers welcome more than 200 of our homeless and under-served neighbors for Eucharistic worship.

Volunteers assist in all aspects of this unique service, led by LOTS Vicar Fr. Steve Capper. You can be as involved as you would like: Some first time visitors choose to simply model worshipful behaviors as members of the congregation. Others like to hand out service materials along with a welcoming smile. We make stick-on name tags for the worshipers, help them find seats, collect the offering, assist in the Eucharist, hear personal prayers, or help set up before and clean-up after the service. The thanks and love you receive by being part of this ministry will bless your week too. Regular or occasional help is always welcome. Contact: Linda Davenport [lindadavenport421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadavenport421@yahoo.com)

*Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? Matthew 25:34-37*

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Sandwich Makers

Approximately 2 hours a month, at 10:00 am, the first Tuesday of each month and after the 10:30 service, the third Sunday of each month we make sandwiches. These sandwiches are distributed by the Evening Prayer teams following the Evening Prayer service. Your help is needed to maintain an adequate supply of sandwiches, so please join one of the groups and have all the fun with bologna and cheese that one person can handle. Contact Erma DeWispelaere at [eldewisp@gmail.com](mailto:eldewisp@gmail.com).



## Emergency Aid Coalition Food Pantry

Trinity collects non-perishable food for the Emergency Aid Coalition food pantry on Sundays, and delivers it monthly to the pantry. EAC can use nonperishable foods such as canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, vegetables, pasta and baby food. This ministry is part of the food chain that links our own kitchens to the weekly offering at Trinity to the Food Pantry in our neighborhood to those in need all over Houston, with love and blessings at each step. The EAC is supported by a coalition of neighborhood congregations, primarily serving working families and the elderly. Volunteers help deliver the food to the Food Pantry on Fannin Street and drive groceries to elderly shut-ins. So, let's share another peanut butter. Contact Mary Johns at [mkjohns@wt.net](mailto:mkjohns@wt.net)



## Ashes to Go

If you can't make it to one of our Ash Wednesday services, then you can swing by at your convenience for Ashes to Go! According to the website, "We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building... God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday. For more information contact Rev. Hannah Atkins at [rector@trinitymidtown.com](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.com)

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## **Jazz Education Summer Youth Program**

Trinity provides rehearsal and class space for the Summer Jazz Workshop, an exciting five-week intensive youth oriented program that focuses on the fundamentals of music and its associated business aspects for young musicians. Sessions are conducted by experienced faculty musicians and offer "Artist-in-Residence", and include classes in theory, composition, improvisation, leadership, public speaking and performances. <http://jazzeducation.org>

## **Bubbha Thomas Holiday Jazz Concert**

Jazz artist Bubbha Thomas founded Jazz Education Inc. in 1970. Jazz Education Inc., sponsors four main programs: The Jazz & Poetry Series, Summer Jazz Workshop, August Month Houston, Houston International Jazz Festival, and several special projects. The Holiday Jazz Concert was at Trinity and included performances by the Summer Jazz Workshop All-Stars, The Trinity Holiday Jazz Ensemble, Bayou City Brass Band and special guest Kelly Dean, saxophonist. Donations of warm socks benefitted Lord of the Streets and food donations benefitted Emergency Aid Coalition. For more information contact [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org).

## **Foundation Cristosal**

Foundation Cristosal is a faith-based human rights and community development organization with Anglican roots that works to strengthen the ability of the poor to act for justice and development as equal citizens in a democratic society. Our professional team works with local leaders to achieve development goals by defending human rights and empowering Salvadorans with the skills and resources to improve the quality of life in their communities. <http://cristosal.org/> Contact: Elmer Romero at [elmerosalva@hotmail.com](mailto:elmerosalva@hotmail.com)

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## The Tenacious Ten

This Summer Trinity opened the doors to a Salvadoran family of ten. The Tenacious Ten began their immigration journey in April after one of their own was a victim of a cruel crime by MS13. They have since traveled through Guatemala, Mexico, and now the United States.

In July 2018, the Tenacious Ten came to immigration at the United States border and asked for asylum. At the border, the Tenacious Ten were separated. The fathers of the two families were sent to detention centers along with the two oldest sons and the two young mothers along with the younger children were sent to another detention center. The two young mothers were released in late July along with their children.

Trinity is committed to grant what is necessary to complete their refugee status procedure. While here Trinity will promote self-sufficiency by providing shelter and support services.



# FACILITIES

## Hogan Library

The library, officially named the Hogan Library at Trinity Church, was so named to honor Dr. Patrick G. Hogan and Mrs. Dorothy F. Hogan for their tireless work and support in acquiring books and other resources by Vestry Resolution dated October 6, 2002, and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 26, 2003. The library is located in the Masterson Room and is a good resource for classes and programs at Trinity and private study. For more information contact Savannah Dorsett at [smdorsett16@gmail.com](mailto:smdorsett16@gmail.com).

## Property Committee

The Property Committee under the leadership of the Junior Warden, John Escoto, oversees repairs, upkeep (major projects), construction projects and other areas that are crucial to the ongoing maintenance of Trinity property including the Bering House. For any questions, you can contact John at [jiescotojr@gmail.com](mailto:jiescotojr@gmail.com).



**Observe & Celebrate the Seasons at Trinity, Midtown!**  
**Details at [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org)**

## **Advent Calendar**

### **December**

- 01 Young Professionals Christmas Party at the Houser's, 6pm
- 02 Advent 1, Wreath Making, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am -10:15 am
- 02 Visit of St. Nicholas, Fellowship Hall, 12:00 p.m.
- 08 Bubba Thomas Holiday Jazz Concert, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
- 09 Junior and Senior High Youth Christmas Party, Youth Room, 12:00 pm
- 09 Caroling with Homebound, Various Homes, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
- 09 Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, Historic Church, 7:00 pm
- 15 Blue Christmas/Longest Night Liturgy, Morrow Chapel, 5:00 pm
- 16 Advent 3, Lessons & Carols, Historic Church, 10:30 am
- 23 Advent 4, Combined Service, Chrismon Tree Dedication, Historic Church, 11:00 am

## **Christmas Schedule**

### **December**

- 24 Christmas Eve Services
  - 5:30 pm, Choral Prelude, Church
  - 6:00 pm, Festival Eucharist, Rite II
  - Come As You Are Pageant*
  - 10:00 pm, Choral Prelude, Church
  - 10:30 pm, Festival Eucharist, Rite I
- 25 Christmas Day
  - 11:00 am, Jazz/Gospel Service, Chapel

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## Altar Guild

This liturgical ministry is comprised of all who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the sacred spaces in which we worship. This team is responsible for setting up the Eucharist for all services as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, and memorial services. We also prepare the historic church and Morrow Chapel for all high holidays and maintain the collection of vestments and linens used in those services. The Altar Guild is divided into teams with responsibility for one week each month. Contact: Joanne Starbuck [jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net) or Mark Goza [markgoza@gmail.com](mailto:markgoza@gmail.com)



## Lay Minister

Lay ministers are trained volunteers who assist the clergy by serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), lectors, or reading the Prayers of the People. LEMs assist the priests during communion by administering the sacraments of Holy Communion, specifically the consecrated wine. Lectors read the assigned lessons for the day at a service. A reader leads the congregation in the Prayers of the People in a format from the Book of Common Prayer. All lay ministers are approved by the Rector, then trained and scheduled to serve. Contact Anna Goza [annaggoza@gmail.com](mailto:annaggoza@gmail.com) for 8:0am and 10:30am services and Linda Davenport [lindadavenport421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadavenport421@yahoo.com) for 12:30pm services.



## Wedding Ministry

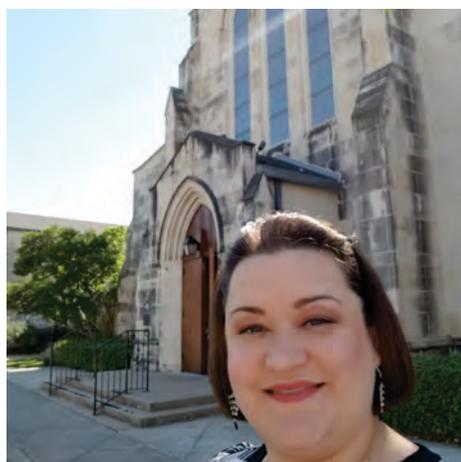
The sacramental ministry of the Trinity Wedding Coordinator is to assist the priest in conducting the rehearsal and the wedding event. The coordinator also guides the wedding party with the appropriate use of church facilities and assures that the established policies are followed for wedding ceremonies taking place at Trinity Church. Interim Contact: Tony Huffman [tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net)

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## Ushers

This ministry consists of four teams ranging from 4-5 members per team. The teams serve on a rotating basis and usher at least once a month. We distribute the service bulletins, assist members and guests to their seats when necessary, collect the offering, and assist in the giving of the Eucharist. Another duty is to serve, when called, at funerals and memorial services held at the church. Contact: Brian Bannerman [b\\_banman96@yahoo.com](mailto:b_banman96@yahoo.com)



## Greeters

The Greeters Ministry welcomes parishioners and guests to Trinity Midtown. Whether it's Sunday morning services or Ash Wednesday, the greeters are on hand before each service to answer questions and make sure everyone knows how glad we are to worship with them. It's a small commitment with a big impact. Contact: Kathryn Lanning Herman, [pvagrad@gmail.com](mailto:pvagrad@gmail.com).



## Vergers

The office of vergers has its roots in the earliest days of the Church's history. Generally speaking, vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship. Evidence indicates the existence of vergers as far back as the 16th century. Today, there are over 1,400 vergers serving all across the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the world. The vergers is a unique lay ministry of the Church largely exercised behind the scenes providing support for all those, ordained and lay, who participate in our worship. Vergers carry out their ministry in a quiet and unobtrusive manner and assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship. At the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, the vergers functions as a master of ceremony working under the direction of the Rector and ensures all assisting liturgical ministers are present and ready to serve by coordinating with the acolytes, choir, ushers, Altar Guild and clergy. The Vergers motto is Service in Worship and Worship through Service. Contact: Joe Brimberry [joebrimberry@gmail.com](mailto:joebrimberry@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Night Liturgy** Holy Eucharist at 6:00 pm in Morrow Chapel, weekly

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## **Acolyte**

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity with the 10:30 am service, as well as with many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Mass, Holy Week services, weddings, and others when needed. This ministry provides an exceptionally rewarding opportunity to become a vital part of the service, assisting at the altar. Many describe the experience as literally “AWESome”. The ministry is open to both youths and adults (as positions become available). Contact John Cloud [jcloud@swbell.net](mailto:jcloud@swbell.net) to learn more.



## **Sound Operators**

This team handles the sound and recording equipment in the main church. This includes the console and microphones, both fixed and carried by individuals. Most services are recorded. Contact Vic Powell at [audioconsultants@sbcglobal.net](mailto:audioconsultants@sbcglobal.net).



## **Flower Ministry**

Each week, Trinity parishioners have the opportunity to contribute to the beauty of worship by dedicating flowers in thanksgiving, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones or to commemorate special occasions such as birthdays, and anniversaries. A dedication will be placed in the bulletin to share the event with the Trinity family. If you are interested in dedicating flowers, you may do so on the Trinity website. Click on the “FLOWERS” tab. You may also contact Samantha Rainman at [srainman919@comcast.net](mailto:srainman919@comcast.net)

# COMMUNICATION

## The Monthly Window

The Window of Trinity Midtown is a newsletter of Trinity Church that is published seasonally several times a year. It contains communications to the parish from the clergy and vestry, as well as in-depth articles about Trinity parish and photos of Trinity activities. It also highlights recent and upcoming Trinity events, and other important parish information. In addition, the Window publishes articles of general interest to Trinity and the wider Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Contact Mark Goza, [markgoza@gmail.com](mailto:markgoza@gmail.com)

## The Weekly Window

This weekly publication highlights upcoming events, communication from the Clergy and Vestry, and important parish information.

[instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/](https://www.instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/)

[facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)

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# HOSPITALITY

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is called upon during the year to serve refreshments for different functions in the church. There may be times that volunteers are needed to furnish food for a function. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Contact: Judith Edgar [jedgar1946@yahoo.com](mailto:jedgar1946@yahoo.com)

## Coffee Hour

Each Sunday between the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. services, Trinity Church welcomes everyone to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Your help is needed in providing the refreshments that we share during this time of fellowship. Sponsoring Coffee Hour is a great way for our ministries to highlight their activities or for individuals to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries or to give thanks for blessings. To host Coffee Hour, visit the website and click on Hospitality Ministries or contact the Administrative Assistant in the Church office. Contact Emma Treadwell at [treadwellemma@yahoo.com](mailto:treadwellemma@yahoo.com).

*Special Receptions: Choral Evensong, Funerals, Bishop Visits, Christmas Eve, Signature Masses, Easter, Trinity Sunday, Compline*



# ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



*Artwork of members and friends of Trinity are featured throughout the year in the Holman Street Gallery. These remarkable works of photography, paintings, wood sculpture, weavings and needlework express our core community value of celebrating diversity in backgrounds through creative and artistic expressions of how The Spirit moves amongst us. Several annual programs are becoming traditions at Trinity such as the Lenten series Stations Of The Cross, in which artists of the parish contribute their experience with one of the fourteen stations through their art. Contact Debra Desaulniers at [debrades55@gmail.com](mailto:debrades55@gmail.com)*

## Art Exhibits for the Holman Street Gallery

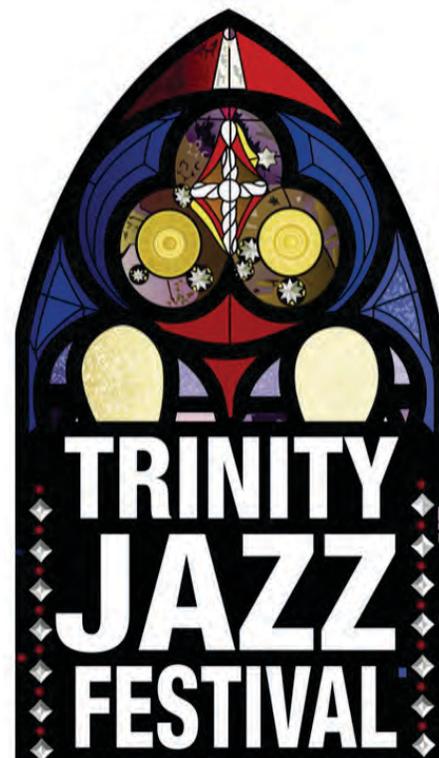
1. Title: Transforming to Generosity
  - a. When: Up from Sunday, October 28th Stewardship Kick-off until January 4th
  - b. What: Parish life photos to support the stewardship campaign
2. Title: Jazz Festival Art
  - a. When: Up from January 5th through February 13th
  - b. What: Posters from Jazz Festivals designed by Rosalind
3. Title: Stations of the Cross
  - a. When: Up from Lent which is March 6, 2019 to April 22, 2019- moves into the church for the Good Friday service sometime during Holy Week
  - b. What: Unique contemporary stations from artists who are connected to Trinity as parishioners or friends

## Photography

This ministry visually documents and captures the spirit of Trinity through photographs which are utilized in church publications and social media. We need a volunteer to organize and label our existing photo files. Contact: Elmer Romero [elmerosalva@hotmail.com](mailto:elmerosalva@hotmail.com)



# ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



## Trinity Jazz Festival

There is something spiritual that happens when the note, the chord, the music is so stirring you are moved to bow your head or clap for joy and just let the sounds wash over you. And when that music intertwines with the scriptural message from the Rev. Hannah Atkins, you have experienced the highly anticipated annual Jazz Mass, the culminating event of Trinity's Jazz Festival held annually the last weekend in January. Horace Alexander Young will again serve as Music Director for the 2019 Mass, which will feature the music of singer, songwriter, arranger, pianist and activist, Nina Simone.

There is something magical that happens when lovers of music, community, and church get together to experience the Trinity Jazz Festival which began in 2002. The 2019 festival theme is "Women in Jazz" and the Saturday night concert will feature women artists as our opening act and as our headliner.

Like a great jazz ensemble, it takes many hands and talents to create this weekend. Here is where you could fit in as a future member of the Jazz Festival Committee. Are you a stickler for details? We need your help planning and coordinating the artists' schedules and logistics for the events.

Are you a cheerleader for good music and finding innovative ways to bring more people to Trinity? Help us promote the weekend events and support ticket sale activities. Social media mavens let your fingers do the walking with our team.

Come find your groove with the Jazz Festival Committee. Contact one of the 2019 Trinity Jazz Festival co-chairs Michele White, [Michelerenee12@gmail.com](mailto:Michelerenee12@gmail.com) or Ann McCoy, [ann.mccoy@att.net](mailto:ann.mccoy@att.net) to get involved.

# Big Country Mass

Featuring the Music of  
Waylon Jennings

Sunday, February 24, 2019  
11:00 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston

Mike Owen, Music Director  
The Rev. Hannah Atkins, Celebrant and Preacher

Raising Alzheimer Awareness –  
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# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Animal Blessing

Trinity's Blessing of the Animals is held annually in October. This fun activity for kids, adults, and pets features musical entertainment, free food, a raffle, and a variety of information booths for animal related vendors and charities. Also associated with this event is a high altar flower dedication on behalf of our pets that functions as the event fundraiser. Raffle donations & food donations are welcome. Contact: Kathryn Lanning Herman [pvagrad@gmail.com](mailto:pvagrad@gmail.com)



## Aloha Sunday

Part back to school, part kick-off for the fall program season, Aloha Sunday is a fun day showcasing all the ministry opportunities at Trinity. Each ministry offers information and an opportunity to participate in a variety of liturgical, pastoral care, outreach and parish life ministries. Sunday, September 9, 2018.



## Pub Theology

What is Pub Theology? Open and honest conversation about things that matter. A table at which all perspectives are welcome. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, bring a friend, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

## Trinity Links

An opportunity for parishioners to meet with Trinity's clergy and vestry for small group gatherings. The purpose of the gatherings are to engage in conversation about hopes and concerns, to build community, and to encourage greater connection.

## Parish Potlucks

The first will be Labor Day Weekend—bring your favorite dish to share at coffee hour—doesn't need to be elaborate, just a family favorite. Have lunch with fellow parishioners—watch the Weekly Window and website for news about upcoming dates

## Invitation Sunday

The Diocese of Texas chose "Invitation Sunday" as the theme of the initiative that focuses on the simple act of inviting family, friends and even total strangers to attend church. Post cards with Trinity information are provided for distributing to potential guests. Sunday, September 9, 2018

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## **Office Volunteer Ministry**

Parishioners assist in various office functions on a regular basis. Volunteers may help with relieving the administrative assistant during lunch, making and receiving phone calls, the preparation of large mailings and other “odd jobs” that need to be done. If you have time available, try volunteering at Trinity. Contact: Pat Laubach [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org)



## **Parish Life Breakfast**

Every Sunday, join your Trinity family in the Fellowship Hall for a warm, friendly breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausage, biscuits, and grits. A suggested donation of \$5 helps offset the cost of this meal.

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Garden Club

Organized in 1952, this is the oldest active parish life ministry. The membership is open to all ages with our purpose being: The sole purpose of this club shall be the landscaping and beautification of Trinity Church property. Monthly meetings are held from September to May on the 1st Friday at 10:00 a.m. either in the Smith Room or in members' homes. Workdays are scheduled either on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the year. Dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. The Garden Club hosts an annual informative presentation of the vestments worn by priests on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, a special meeting in March with a guest speaker, a bountiful coffee hour is on Palm Sunday and a self-guided tour of Trinity's Gardens on the first Sunday in May.



Since 2006, many members of our Parish have completed and donated beautiful needlepoint Chrismon ornaments to be blessed. Please contact Marilyn Dorries, [rmdorries@aol.com](mailto:rmdorries@aol.com) if you are a stitcher. This project does not require attending any meetings, and is open to anyone in the Parish. The Garden Club arranges for a wonderful Christmas tree to be lighted and decorated with the Chrismons on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

Members are blessed to be given the chance to do something for others and enjoy contributing to the quality of life in our parish. These activities lead to a strong sense of fellowship and friendship among our members and to a true appreciation for the beauty of our historic church and grounds. Please consider joining us at any of our activities. For more information and to join, please contact, Sylvia Drew [trymahjong@yahoo.com](mailto:trymahjong@yahoo.com), or Tony Huffman [tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net).

## Archives

The Trinity Church Archives came about when the parish's historical materials were identified and collected together in a closet in 1986. Established in 1993, the church's collection includes service bulletins and newsletters that date to 1918, vestry minutes, parish meeting records, membership cards, legal documents, architectural drawings, photographs, and much more. Although this collection has been organized several times over the past 11 years, it has not been properly managed to preserve the materials. The focus of the archives ministry is to process and organize the materials, and move them into acid-free storage. With care, the archived items will serve the parish as a window into its past for present and future generations. Contact: Gayle Davies-Cooley [gmdavies@juno.com](mailto:gmdavies@juno.com)

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Membership

Discovering Your Membership at Trinity – The Episcopal Way Classes

Seeking membership at Trinity is a very important step. The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and its ways. help you find your place in the life of our Church.

We will be offering two intensive class weekends and an online course option with an in-person teacher follow-up meeting.

Friday, November 2nd, 7:00-8:30pm & Saturday, November 3rd, 9:30am-3pm

Friday, November 16th, 7:00-8:30pm & Saturday, November 17th, 9:30am-3pm

These classes are open to everyone; especially those new to the tradition, desiring to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church.

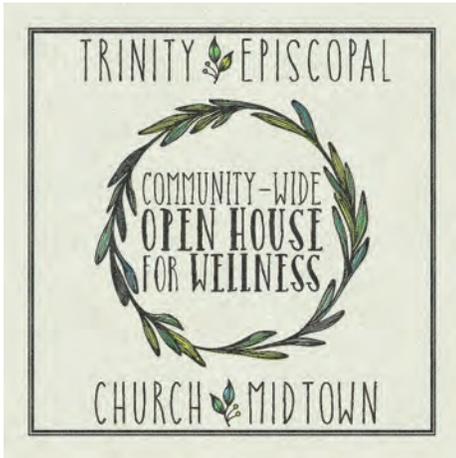
For more information about becoming a member of Trinity, please contact Carol Turley, Membership Secretary, at [membership@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:membership@trinitymidtown.org). or speak to Hannah or Rich, our clergy.

Books for further reading:

*Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers: Exploring Christian Faith* by C.K. Robertson and Ian S. Markham

*Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church* by C. Andrew Doyle

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Community-Wide Open House for Wellness

Please join us September 29, 2018, for a morning of wellness! It's an opportunity to step away from the chaos of life to practice yoga, writing, cooking and meditation. Leave feeling a little less stressed and a little more nourished. All workshops require registration. \$5 suggested donation for yoga, writing, and cooking.

8:00 am to 8:15 am	Welcome
8:15 am to 9:45 am	Yoga (w/Saba) & Meditation (w/Henry)
9:45 am to 10 am	Transition
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Vision Boarding (w/Theresa)
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Transition
11:15 am to 12:15 pm	Writing (w/Carrie)
12:15 pm to 1:45 pm	Lunch & Presentation by Garden Club
1:45 pm to 2:45 pm	Paper Cranes (w/Libby)
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Transition
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Tai Chi (w/Catherine)



## Listening Post

The Listening Post is an opportunity for people in the Midtown neighborhood to talk and be heard. Midtown's Listening Post was inspired by the Listening Post that was started at Appalachian State in 2009. We are on the Holman Street sidewalk on Fridays from noon to 2pm. Check out our updates on the ministry in our Facebook page's posts.

# GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

## Endowment

Trinity Church Endowment was established in 1956 by six far-sighted parishioners who saw the need for Trinity to have a financial base. In the 57 years of its existence, through good times and times of need, it has provided strong support to Trinity. In 2013, Trinity's Endowment provided a significant portion of Trinity's operating budget. In the last six years the Endowment has provided, among other things, \$250,000 towards Trinity's purchase of the Bering House property, provided \$100,000 of the cost of replacing the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, and approximately \$125,000 to refurbish the church's historic stained glass windows. In the Spring/Summer of 2016, the Endowment Fund has helped replace the outdated heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the historic church.

There are envelopes in the pews for Endowment gifts. They can be taken home for later use or with a gift placed in the alms basins. Gifts can also be mailed to the church office.

Contact: Joe Brimberry at [joebrimberry@gmail.com](mailto:joebrimberry@gmail.com) or Mary Cloud at [mhcloud@swbell.net](mailto:mhcloud@swbell.net)

## Stewardship

Stewardship is faith in action, the continual ministry that supports Trinity in doing God's work through its mission goals. For example, robust stewardship has not only sustained but furthered our goal to "Feed the Hungry". Thousands of meals, served with prayer, nourish the bodies and souls of our most vulnerable citizens through Adopt-A-Bag, the Sandwich Makers Ministry, and Lord of the Streets Sunday Breakfast. Stewardship calls upon us to transform our gratitude for gifts bestowed on us by God - time, talent, and treasure - into generosity that helps our church and community not only survive, but thrive. Our stewardship theme for 2019 is therefore "Transforming Generosity", and is also the header for our annual Giving Campaign. Please contact Libby Tsubai at [tsubaie@yahoo.com](mailto:tsubaie@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Bishop Sterling Legacy

Established in November, 2004, this society is named in memory of the late Right Reverend William Sterling. It honors all who provide planned support of Trinity through Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. Every person, member, or friend of Trinity who provides for a planned financial contribution to Trinity automatically becomes a member of the Bishop Sterling Legacy Society. Contact: Marilyn Dorries [mrdorries@gmail.com](mailto:mrdorries@gmail.com)

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16*

# GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

## Transforming Generosity An Opportunity to Say “Yes”

*Let us return to God that which he has generously given us: our blessings of time and talent and treasure.  
Let Trinity and its Mission be that gift.*

### Stewardship Kick Off

Sunday, October 28th

### Ingathering

Sunday, November 17th

## How to Give

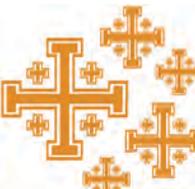
You can pledge and make donations online!  
Go to the Trinity website under giving  
[www.trinitymidtown.org/giving](http://www.trinitymidtown.org/giving). Click on the “Access ACS”  
button (it looks like the logo below), and create an account.  
You can also update your personal/family information, add a  
photo, and view your financial giving via ACS.



## Goals Include

- Continue with Visioning Team efforts
- Become more visible in the community
- Strengthen partnership with Houston Community College



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# NEWCOMERS MINISTRY



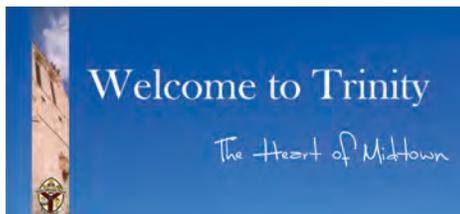
*This ministry helps guests and new members become fully assimilated into the Trinity Family. Contact Pat Laubach at [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org).*

## Meet and Greet

The monthly Meet and Greet gatherings are held in the Rector's office and give guests and newcomers to Trinity an opportunity to enjoy casual conversation with the Rector in an informal setting.

## Newcomer Fiesta

Twice a year, the Rector hosts a Fiesta at the Rectory to welcome the newest members to Trinity and enjoy some good Tex-Mex food while getting to know other new members in a fun, relaxing evening. Join us for the next Fiesta on Saturday, September 15, from 5pm–7pm in Fellowship Hall.



## Connections

This vital ministry was created to consolidate ways of staying in touch with parishioners and to welcome visitors to Trinity including the preparation of welcome letters and birthday cards, monitoring our mass email software program and working closely with the Membership Coordinator to keep our database updated. Contact Kym Cabaniss at [connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org)

# SPECIAL LITURGIES



*See calendar of events for dates and times*

## **Blue Christmas**

Saturday, December 15th, 6:00 pm

A Christian service designed to temper the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss, whether from death of a loved one, divorce or separation, loss of job, serious illness.

## **Epiphany Vigil**

Saturday, January 5th, 5:30 pm

Including burning of the greens

## **Second Sunday Compline**

Offered the Second Sunday of each month, preceded by an organ concert, is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin completorium, as Compline is the completion of the working day. Please note: the first Concert & Choral Compline will be on 9/16, but will be on the second Sunday of the month, starting on 10/14.

## **Jazz Mass**

featuring the music of Women of Jazz

Sunday, January 27th: 11:00am combined service

## **Big Country Mass**

featuring the music of Waylon Jennings'

Sunday, February 24th: 11:00am combined service

# MINISTRY HEADS CONTACT

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Acolyte  
Adult Sunday Forum  
Altar Guild  
  
Animal Blessing  
Archives Ministry  
Artists of Trinity  
Bishop Sterling Society  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Coffee Hour  
Communications  
Connections  
ECC Tweens  
Emergency Aid Coalition  
Evening Prayer  
Flower Ministry  
Foundation Cristosal  
Funeral Ministry  
Garden Club  
  
Greeters  
  
Harvey and Interfaith Ministry  
Healing Ministry  
  
Hospitality Ministry  
Hospitality Apartments  
Jazz Education, Inc.  
Jazz Festival

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Mark Goza  
Joanne Starbuck  
Kathryn Lanning Herman  
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Debra Desaulniers  
Marilyn Dorries  
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Emma Treadwell  
The Rev. Hannah Atkins  
Kym Cabaniss  
The Rev. Rich Houser  
Mary Johns  
John Merullo  
Samantha Rainman  
Elmer Romero  
Mary Cloud  
Sylvia Drew  
Tony Huffman  
Paul Bower (12:30)  
Danna Gannon(10:30)  
Robert Snellgrove (8:00)  
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Monthly Window  
Newcomers Ministry  
Office Volunteer Ministry  
Outreach Fundraiser, We Are Family  
Parenting with Grace  
Parish Life Breakfast  
Pastoral Care Team  
Peace Cranes  
Photography  
Prayer Chain  
Property Committee  
Sandwich Makers  
Sound Operators  
Stewardship  
  
Trinity Choir  
Trinity Endowment  
Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
  
Trinity Vestry  
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Women's Circle  
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Youth Ministry

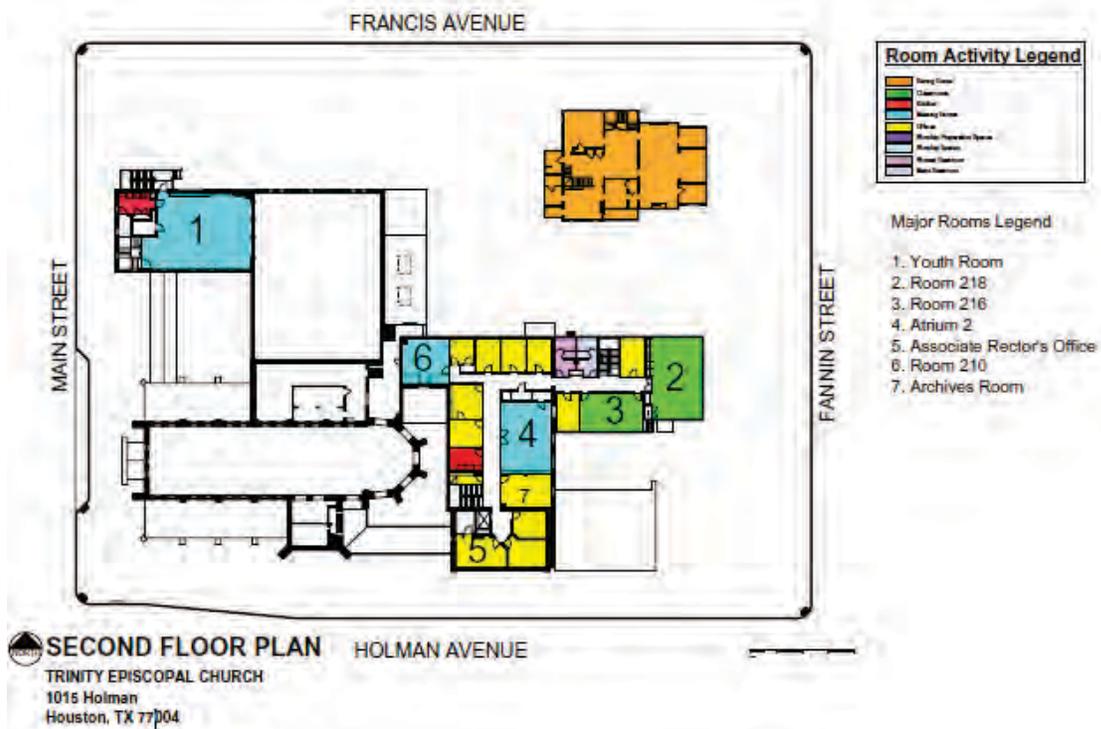
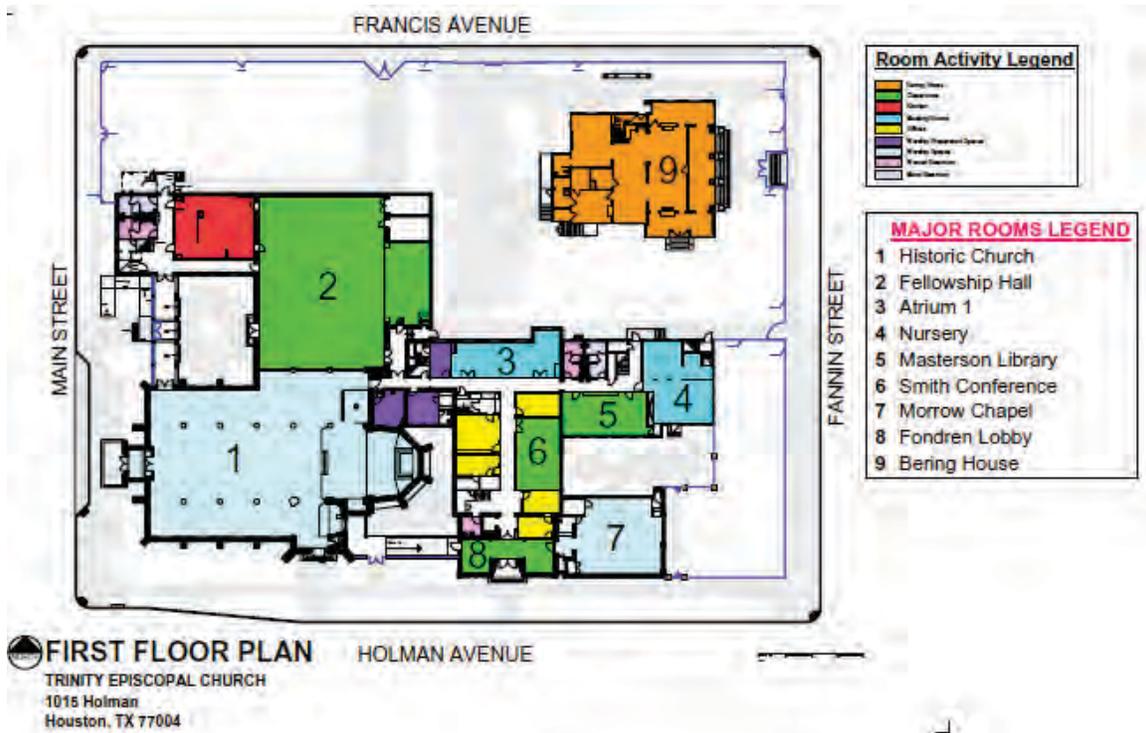
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# FACILITIES MAP



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## Facilities Use Coordinator

Trinity is a busy parish and there are many requests to use our facilities. If you or your ministry need to use space at Trinity, please complete a Facilities Use Request and submit it to Carolyn Reyes. Carolyn will help you with the details of the use of rooms at Trinity. You may email Carolyn at [cspdeaton@hotmail.com](mailto:cspdeaton@hotmail.com)

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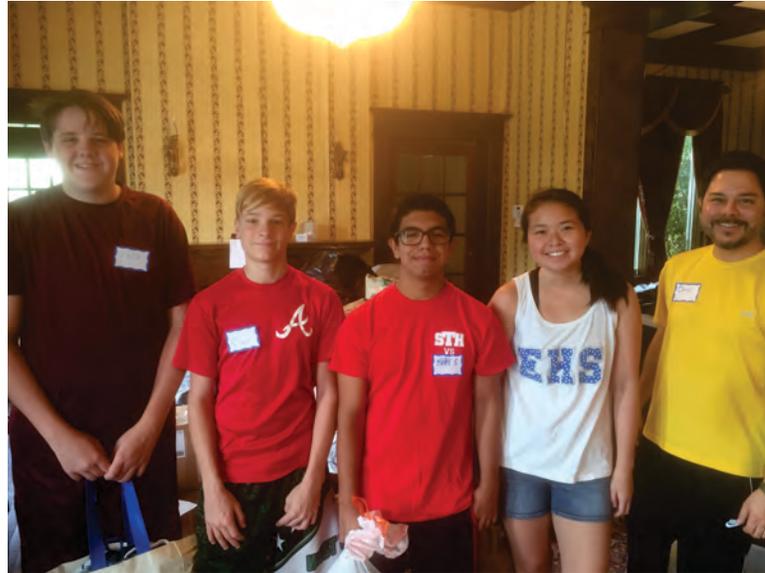
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# MISSION & VALUES



## **Mission Statement**

*Making God's presence real by sharing Christ's life-changing love.*

## **Core Values**

### ***Worship***

We offer traditional and eclectic worship authentically celebrated through music, art, and ritual.

### ***Community***

We are an inclusive, caring community where people of diverse backgrounds are embraced and valued. We strive to embody humility, acceptance, forgiveness and respect for all.

### ***Responsiveness to God's Call***

We are open to the Holy Spirit to bring people together into relationship to God and one another in a changing urban context.

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