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**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# AGENDA

9:15 a.m.	Welcome	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins, Rector
	Opening Prayer	The Reverend Rich Houser, Associate Rector
	Election Procedures	Teddy Adams, Chancellor
	Presentation of Vestry and Council Delegate Candidates	Alex Bruton, Head Teller
9:30 a.m.	Children's Activities Begin	
	Balloting	Ushers and Election Committee Members
	Treasurer's Report	Larry Laubach
	Endowment Board Report,	Joe Brimberry, President
	Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins
	Rector's Report	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins
	Senior Warden's Report	Robert Snellgrove
	Memorial to Deceased Communicants	Mary Cloud Handbells by: John Merullo
10:10 a.m.	Closing Hymn	Collin Boothby, Organist/Choirmaster Trinity Choir

Election results will be announced during the Announcements at the 10:30 service

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!

# NEW MEMBERS

## BAPTIZED

Berenice Emerald Ehuiken  
Madeline Storm Heffner

Henrik Adiel Escoto  
Collette Marie LeGrande

## CONFIRMED

Daniel Romero-Atkins  
Madeline Claire Blissard  
Stephen Allen Davidson  
Jacob William Davidson  
Nancy Dawson  
Patricia DeJean Golmon

Evan Clarke Stelly  
Elliot Mitchell Snell  
Oliver Andrew Snell  
Sheree Thompson

## RECEPTION

Isabel Bikie  
Cynthia Jane Burton  
Juan Carlos Caballero  
Mary Dowdy  
Mark Stephen Heffner

Kelly Patricia Shallock Heffner  
Stephen Ernest Sunquist  
Lillian Warren  
Mark Yates

## REAFFIRMATION

Mary Matteucci

Julia Madden

## TRANSFERRED IN 2017

Mary Jo Detweiler  
Andy DiRaddo  
Terri DiRaddo  
Savannah Dorsett  
Ann Hobbs

Rob Hobbs  
John Holt  
Chesson Olawaiye  
Elaine Olawaiye  
Gretchen Stiteler

# Rector's Report

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins



What a year 2017 has been! Hurricane Harvey changed everything. However, what was brought low by the disaster we are still working to build up through pastoral care, financial and spiritual aid, prayer and perseverance as well as flexibility and patience. Guard against wanting to move on too quickly, as though all is back on track. Be compassionate with yourself and others as never before because our community is strong but still hurting.

My report this year will be a simple review in order of the highlights of our parish goals for 2017 and a giving thanks to those that walk this ministry journey with me. Next year we will switch the format of our goals to the Cycle of Blessings format we adopted during the visioning process.

The December 17th celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for Trinity Church was an absolute success. Our diocesan bishop and city mayor joined us in the much-needed celebration. The Houston Chronicle covered the occasion with a two-page spread that honored our past, present, and future.

The Bering House renovation stayed in the planning phase as we gathered information about sources of support, created a business plan, received architectural drawings, and secured then lost the anchor partner and tenant. The project has been scaled back, and we will find out this month if we received a significant grant from a community partner.

The intensive visioning process for our church funded by the Episcopal Health Foundation was implemented by a volunteer, lay-led team. The process involved three well-attended church-wide meetings and helped us set priorities for expanding our inviting presence in the community see their report for details. Our disaster relief efforts had us showing up near and far as well as hosting neighbors from near and far, and focused our ministry for fall 2017, taking precedence over previous plans.

We renewed our service and outreach to the surrounding community by our intensive and caring Harvey Response Ministry documented in our seasonal newsletter, The Window. Our Caring Cabaret was organized and chaired by Linda and Bob Davenport even as they had to re-schedule it three times due to Harvey. The support received was heroic!

Exploring a missional community was placed on hold as we focused on a thorough parish-wide visioning process, plans for the Bering House and the partnership opportunities there, celebrating the cornerstone centennial and Hurricane Harvey relief. The clergy had some high-level conversations with the Missioner for Missional Communities and will work with the vestry to proceed with a plan when viable.

Harvey damage to our building and the high cost of some repairs reset our timeline for necessary projects as ongoing good stewards of our buildings. Organizing a disaster relief plan had to be done on the verge of the actual natural disaster, which notes and sequencing will be converted to a formal document. This will be done before the start of our next hurricane season. The damage done by Harvey was exacerbated by existing conditions in some of our buildings such as having mold problems. The estimates for a cleaning of the exterior of the building and new gutters are much higher than anticipated and will require further review and planning.

Thirty new members were welcomed, and many more visitors became participants. A team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors were trained in the spring, and further training will take place during Lent 2018. Thanks to Alice Powell, prayer shawls had a renaissance and thanks to Libby Tsubai, peace cranes emerged as both a pastoral and artistic ministry.

Trinity members organized, planned and showed up to many ecumenical and racial reconciliation events both planned by Trinity and in support of community partners, such as the Center for the Healing of Racism, the Union of Black Episcopalians, Emancipation Park opening, and Interfaith Ministry Dialogues, to name a few.

As we responded to the hurricane, some of our ministries grew strong and some lagged. Our visioning process remained steady and gave us a sense of what ministries to focus on in the near future to strengthen them. Our Centennial Celebration highlighted the enormous talents of our parishioners and planted a seed that will be tended this year in terms of ongoing welcoming and reaching out events.

We were happy to hire Collin Boothby as our Organist/Choirmaster. He began after Easter 2018 and has delighted us with his talent and network of resources. He has brought so much to enhance our music program, including offering Compline twice in the fall.

We mourned the death of our longtime Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Director, Janice Jeys. We held a loving and appreciative celebration of her life full of beautiful tributes. Her legacy is honored by two Trinity youth who took training and carry on the mantle of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium I.

Our long-time sexton James Candler took social security retirement and went from being full time to part-time. It is lovely to have his experience and knowledge of the workings of Trinity to depend upon. We have a new part-time Sexton, Carlos Bandiera and we contracted with our current cleaning company, Empire, to take on additional tasks such as the cleaning of the kitchen. The visioning process supported the plan for hiring a business manager, but revenues do not currently support that fulfillment of that goal.

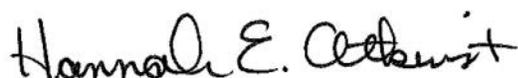
Also delayed by Harvey was the pursuit of partnering for mission and sustainability by renting out underutilized space. The visioning team was able to do a building use analysis, looking at building use on the 2nd floor, etc., but the development of a business plan, rates, and advertising have been stalled. We hope to pick that up again in the next few months.

Marcia Quintanilla, who joined us in November 2016 to become our Administrative Assistant, was newly supported in her work in 2017 by graphic designer Kelly Mercer. The Rev. Bob Flick took on a fulltime interim position at Ascension, Houston. The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr. continues in the role of Theologian in Residence here while supplying around the diocese on occasion. I want to thank all the volunteer and paid staff, vestry and ministry heads without which we could not do what God calls us to do. We have an excellent staff, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary: The Rev. Rich Houser, April Sloan Hubert, Pelayo Parlade, Pat Laubach, Larry Laubach, Carol Turley, Kym Cabaniss, Carolyn Reyes, Ken Jones, Sam Jones, Booker Lakes, Rosa Gutierrez, Carlos Erica Zavala, and Yolanda Catalan.

I am grateful to all the members and officers of the vestry. I thank the officers for 2017: Robert Snellgrove, Senior Warden; Rhonda Rogers and John Escoto, Junior Warden; Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Stephen Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Teddy Adams, Chancellor; Jonathan Quander, Assistant Chancellor; Joanne Starbuck, Clerk; Saba Blanding, Assistant Clerk; and Gayle Davies Cooley, Historian. I thank all others who served on the vestry: Alex Bruton, Bob Davenport, Dana Gannon, Paula Lewis Patterson, John Merullo, Jim Castro, Ann McCoy and Larry Rousseau. Robert Snellgrove will serve as Senior Warden while John Escoto will continue as Junior Warden. Robert has been an absolute blessing as Senior Warden and I am grateful to serve another year with him. John Became Junior Warden the week before Harvey hit and has done great work. All your hard work, faithfulness and generosity allow us to live into the vision of a blessed future with God's grace and mercy to guide us!

In my 10th year here, I am still extremely happy, privileged and honored to serve as your rector. And finally, Go Astros!

Faithfully,





# A Look Ahead

## JANUARY 2018

- 06 (Sat.) Epiphany, Bonfire Service, Burning of the Greens, 5:30 pm
- 07 (Sun.) I Epiphany–Baptism of Our Lord
- 14 (Sun.) II Epiphany–Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 21 (Sun.) III Epiphany–Annual Meeting, 9:15–10:15 am
- 28 (Sun.) IV Epiphany–Jazz Fest, featuring the music of Ray Charles, 11:00 am

## FEBRUARY 2018

- 04 (Sun.) V Epiphany, Commissioning of Vestry, all services Souper Bowl of Caring
- 11 (Sun.) World Mission Sunday
- 13 (Tue.) Shrove Tuesday, 6:00 pm Pancake Dinner followed by Burning of the Palms
- 14 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday, Services at 7:00 am, noon, 7:00 pm Ashes-to-Go throughout the day
- 18 (Sun.) Lent I, The Great Litany
- 25 (Sun.) Lent II, Big Country Mass featuring the music of Glen Campbell, 11:00 am, emphasis on Alzheimer's Awareness

## MARCH 2018

- 04 (Sun.) Lent III
- 11 (Sun.) Lent IV, Daylight Saving Time
- 18 (Sun.) Lent V
- 24 (Sat.) Rothko Chapel Concert in honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero, 4 pm
- 25 (Sun.) Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion, 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
- 29 (Thu.) Maundy Thursday, 5:30 & 7:00 pm The Watch, 9:00 pm–noon on Friday
- 30 (Fri.) Good Friday Liturgy, noon Stations of the Cross, 1:15–2:00 pm Children's Programs, 11:30 am–2:00 pm
- 31 (Sat.) Holy Saturday The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 pm, Baptisms

## APRIL 2018

- 01 (Sun.) Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Parish Photo, 12:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt follows
- 08 (Sun.) Easter II
- 15 (Sun.) Easter III
- 22 (Sun.) Easter IV, Creation Sunday
- 29 (Sun.) Easter V

## MAY 2018

- 06 (Sun.) Easter VI
- 13 (Sun.) Easter VII Mother's Day, Flowers & Cards, Teacher & Office Volunteer Recognition
- 20 (Sun.) Pentecost Sunday
- 27 (Sun.) Trinity Sunday–Remembrance Sunday

## JUNE 2018

- 03 (Sun.) II Pentecost Summer program schedule Children's Chapel begins
- 10 (Sun.) III Pentecost
- 17 (Sun.) IV Pentecost Father's Day, Pies for Padres
- 24 (Sun.) V Pentecost

# Associate Rector's Report

## The Reverend Rich Houser

I begin my position as Associate Rector in the first week of August of 2014. I am honored that among my duties as Associate Rector, I am the liaison to the Garden Club and the ministry head to the following:

### **Youth Ministry**

Throughout the past year, the youth of Trinity in grades 6th through 12th have assembled along with their parents and interested adults to continue visioning for the coming months and years.

The schedule that the youth created included fun events such as an outing to Escape the Room, ice skating, a Halloween Lock-in, go-karts, Dave and Busters, and a Christmas Party. Events saw collaboration, consistent attendance, and renewed interest in youth activities. Contemplative events included Bible studies. Service projects included Easter Lily and Christmas poinsettia delivery to home-bound and nursing home people, and serving at church fundraisers.

The Youth saw an increase in communication amongst themselves and the leadership through semester calendars, updated Facebook/Instagram accounts, updated website pages, and phone calls to each youth family the week of an event.

The group consists of youth in 6th through 12th grades and features a diversity of economic, social, and nationality characteristics.

In January, August, and May, the youth congregate in a visioning process to create their own schedule of activities, outreach work, and Christian education pursuits.

### **Young Professionals Ministry**

The Young Professionals have continued connections by being engaged in 6 events this year. They included Saturday morning brunches, brewery trips, a trip to the Buffalo Soldiers' Museum and our annual Christmas party at the Associate Rector's house.

The group will continue to meet once every two months for activities.

### **Pub Theology**

Beginning in late June of 2016, this group has met weekly on Wednesday nights at the Alley Kat Bar and Lounge in Midtown. The format is open and honest conversation about things that matter. All perspectives are welcomed and cherished.

### **Family Ministry**

The Family Ministry has engaged in 8 events this past year that included trips to three Houston parks, the Arboretum, and brunches on Saturday mornings. The Family Ministry, co-sponsored with St. Andrews and Christ Church Cathedral an event called Touch a Truck – a hands on vehicle experience for kids – at the Holman Street parking lot in March that featured 50 vehicles and over 100 participants.



The Rev. Rich Houser  
Associate Rector

# Senior Warden's Report

## Robert Snellgrove

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary of the laying of the Trinity cornerstone at Holman and Main, I wish to express how privileged I have been to be able to serve as Trinity's Senior Warden this past year. It has been a soulful and prayerful year of celebrations, accomplishments, challenges and disappointments. I want to say thank you for your trust. I am honored.



It has also been a joy to work with so many wonderful clergy, parishioners, volunteers, fellow vestry members and officers, who have so generously given of their time and resources, allowing Trinity to remain a presence of Christ's love in the heart of midtown. Without each of you, with all our diversity, we would not have been able to remain a symbol of love, peace and hope in our challenging world. For, in the wake of Harvey, without this support, we would not have been able to be there for those who lost their homes, use the Bering House to temporarily house emergency aid volunteers or be a staging point for emergency clothing donations. And, without you, without your welcoming nature and hard work, Trinity would not have experienced yet another year of membership growth, with a net gain of 30 members, with 21 newly confirmed Episcopalians and 4 Baptisms. This is a significant growth for a parish of our size and is opposite the trend experienced by most Episcopal churches today. What a blessing!

The past year has been a year of continued traditions with our Garden Club, who bring beauty to our grounds; 3 beautiful Sunday services, to feed our souls; 5 weekday services, providing evening sack meals for the hungry; LOTS breakfast, to feed the homeless; a very active and growing youth ministry headed by Fr. Rich Houser, assuring the future health of the church; and of course Jazz Fest, which bring so many new people through our doors. It has also been a year of new traditions with the addition of the Compline service at which 705 participated online alone! I wish to thank the choir for their generous gift of music to this beautiful service. We also have added the peace crane project, prayerfully folding 1000 origami cranes for racial peace, which is to be installed in the chapel this coming spring. Thanks Libby, for your patient teaching.

This year Rev. Hannah Atkins celebrated her 10th year at Trinity with a presentation of a letter from the Bishop. Thank you, Hannah, for your guidance and for prayerfully being there when there has been a broken heart or lost soul. And, with the greatest joy we welcomed Collin Boothby as our new Organist/Choirmaster. He has been a wonderful, and wonderfully talented, addition. New vestry members this year included Jim Castro, John Escoto, Robert Feltenberger, Ann McCoy and Larry Rousseau. I thank each of you for your wisdom.

Due to a grant from Episcopal Health Foundation, Trinity was able to hire Eric Law with Kaleidoscope Institute to help Trinity with future planning. Eric Law is a national leader in church growth analysis and assisted Trinity in its strategic planning. The Visioning Committee held 3 workshops which filled the Parish Hall with church members sharing their past, present and future observations and visions. The Visioning Committee has now prepared a report containing important statistical data, plus goals and objectives, helping the vestry to move thoughtfully in future planning.

Trinity, like our neighbors, suffered damage from Harvey. Thanks to the Trinity Endowment, funds have been provided to help make the necessary repairs to our historic buildings.

We also experienced both successes and disappointments this past year concerning the Bering House Capital Campaign. With funds from the Endowment, Stern and Bucek Architects was hired and schematic design

drawings have been completed. In this process, the application for a historic tax credit has been initiated. This tax credit will cover approximately 25% of the funding for the renovation. Additionally, a grant application has been made to Midtown Development for \$150,000 to begin enclosing the building envelope, assuring the structures future wellbeing and allowing the church to begin to utilize the space.

Chap Chapman completed a financial analysis for the House with Tony's Place as the anchor tenant, combined with event rentals. Chap's analysis indicated that the renovated house, as proposed at the time, would generate a total clear revenue of \$87,393 in its first year of occupancy, a much needed source of income for the church. This number includes a \$12,000 per year long-term maintenance fund and a \$26,000 Mezzanine Finance charge.

We also, however, experienced disappointment concerning the house. Partly due to the sudden death of a major community philanthropist supporting the anchor tenant, Tony's Place is not currently in a position to proceed with plans to occupy the Bering House, requiring implementation of an alternative, phased and scaled down version. The committee is currently developing a new financial analysis for the property.

The financial situation of the church is stable, thanks to those who came before us and those who pledge generously today. But, I believe in transparency and there are some concerns of which the parish should be aware. First, the good news. The number of pledges increased this year from 128 in 2016 to 150 in 2017, a 16% increase in one year! The mean pledge, however, decreased from \$4,181.75 to \$3,643.23. This resulted in an actual reduction in operating revenue.

Additionally, the vestry has been disappointed that our parking lot tenant has not honored our understanding of the lease agreement. This is primarily due to the downturn in the price of oil and a resulting reduction in demand for office space. We are consulting our attorneys for recommendations on how to best proceed. As a result, the church has lost almost \$120,000 in additional anticipated revenue per year which, according to our calculations, should have begun last spring. Had the tenant honored this agreement, the church would be in an excellent financial position.

In closing, and at the risk of preaching, let me stress, the church is not at financial risk. But, we do need the support of each and every one of you, if we are going to continue to provide services for those in spiritual and financial need. If each person contributed something, even a little, we would be so much closer to creating God's presence on earth. The day of the few wealthy contributors is no longer. We must all contribute as we can.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor of serving.

Robert Snellgrove,

Senior Warden

# Junior Warden's Report

John Escoto



First, I'd like to thank Rhonda Rogers for leadership during her tenure as Junior Warden. I am also honored and humbled that Reverend Hannah Atkins had the faith to appoint me as Junior Warden as Rhonda pursued her dream as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

As I transitioned into the role of Junior Warden in late 2017, Hurricane Harvey made its mark on Trinity. Unfortunately, the church nursery was affected by the high waters and has been closed for renovation repair. The severe weather also affected other parts the property exposing the need for thorough renovation of the exterior walls and windows in the new year.

The Property Committee met to plan and prioritize activities for the church property (Historic Church, Bering House, and Rectory) following Hurricane Harvey. The members include Dan Barnum, Bob Davenport, Nick Bilski, Bob Dorries, Jim Luke, Larry Laubach, and Tim Lawson.

Special thanks to Larry Laubach, Dan Barnum, and Bob Davenport for their advice, support and direction on various projects.

In 2017, we saw the renovation of the Morrow Chapel and restoration of the Resurrection as significant milestones for the church property. Also, the roof was repaired over the Holman street lobby and repainted the first-floor hallways. We housed 16 AmeriCorps NCCC - FEMA Corps members who were deployed to the Houston area after Hurricane Harvey to assist with disaster survivor sheltering and registration assistance. They resided in second floor of the Bering house from September through November. During this same time, the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) was placed on the first floor of the Bering house where they received, sorted, and distributed donations for those affected by the hurricane. Lastly, the year ended on a very positive note with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of laying the historic church cornerstone back in December 17, 1917. I mention this briefly as we close 2017 as a year to remember Hurricane Harvey and the effects it has on the church property. Not that its effects were positive but that God offers an opportunity to renew or refresh our surroundings.

The Visioning Team, with help from the congregation, created vision and goals to *Maintain and Sustain Property*.

Vision: Our buildings house our worship, parish programs, and outreach. We need to take care of the property that takes care of us, to better fulfill our mission and ministries.

Goals:

- Prioritize our long list of ongoing maintenance and identify upcoming special projects;
- Clarify how special projects or emergencies are funded via parish or Endowment;
- Identify space and potential clients for rental revenue, consistent with Trinity's mission;
- Restore the Bering House for further active use by the community.

We'll carry the vision and goals into 2018 and beyond!

Submitted By:

John Escoto – Junior Warden

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Rich Houser, Associate Rector

Following the death of our beloved director, Janice Jeys, children's education has transitioned into a bright future. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has two trained and certified COGS teachers, Ceci Bruton and Katy Davidson who have enlivened the ministry. Their creativity and strong relationships with the children ages 3 through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has continued the legacy.. COGS meets every Sunday during the school year.



# Confirmation and Episcopal Way Classes

The Rev. Rich Houser, Associate Rector

There were two Confirmation and Episcopal Way classes this year. Using a creative and thought provoking confirmation curriculum led by the Rev. Rich Houser and Shelby Bradley, over 15 youth were confirmed this year.

The Episcopal Way Class also featured an online course curriculum option as well as an integrative confirmation course compiled by the Rev. Rich Houser that saw over 20 adults received, confirmation, or affirmed this past year.



# ECC (Episcopal Children's Curriculum) Tweens

The Rev. Rich Houser, Associate Rector

The ECC Tweens class has seen steady growth in participation and creativity. Teaching is led by Laura Benavides, Teri Fielder, and the Rev. Rich Houser. ECC Tweens uses the Episcopal Children's Curriculum created at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. ECC Tweens meets every Sunday during the school year. Classes have featured inspirational lessons, interesting crafts and thought provoking conversations.



# Music at Trinity

## Collin Boothby, Organist/Choirmaster

One of the biggest blessings of 2017 was being hired as the organist/choirmaster at Trinity. It's hard to believe it's been nine months since I started. It is wonderful to work in such a beautiful space and with amazing, talented people. The Trinity Choir has continued their history of excellent singing at every 10:30 worship service, save for a summer hiatus in July. It is a true pleasure to work with the sixteen singers who are passionate and love the music ministry they share with the church.



This fall the choir sang several special services, which deserve special mention. Despite being rescheduled due to Hurricane Harvey, the Trinity Choir artfully presented Wolfgang Mozart's "Sparrow" Mass in C major, along with strings, brass, and percussion from Rice University. Two compline services, one in September and one in December were well received. Both were preceded with excellent concerts by Bryan Anderson, organ, and Hannah Martineau, viola, and Andrew Schneider, piano. I look forward to offering more of these services in the future. The choir also sang a service of Choral Evensong in October. In Advent, the choir sang a wonderful lessons and carols service, as well as a special anthem at the centennial celebration. Both Christmas Eve services were beautiful with special choral music and the addition of violin and flute.

I was thrilled to have a new choir member join in December, tenor Evan Stelly. Sadly, Sarah Corley had to take some time off from the choir, due to schedule conflicts. However, anyone who is interested in joining the choir is always more than welcome to contact me for more information.

Special thanks to Bill Jones, who covered for me while I was on vacation this summer, and for being a most capable Interim Organist/Choirmaster from the beginning of 2017 through Easter. Thank you also, John Merullo, for leading the search committee through an enjoyable and well organized interview process. I would be remiss to not include Catherine Reed, her work as the music librarian is invaluable.

What a joy it is to be here at Trinity. Thank you, Hannah and Rich, for being wonderful, supporting colleagues. Thank you, Trinity Choir, for your wonderful spirit and dedication. Thank you Trinity Church, for being the wonderful parish you are.

Soli Deo Gloria

Collin Boothby  
Organist/Choirmaster

# Acolyte Guild

## John Cloud, Acolyte Master

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity at the 10:30 service, as well as at many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Fest services, weddings, etc. 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.



This has been a great year for the Acolyte Guild in both participation and growth. We now have twenty-six (26) young Acolytes. We schedule five (5) youth teams of five (5) Acolytes each in a rotation that allows for each Acolyte to have a regular opportunity to participate and serve.

Our adult Acolyte program is one key to the success of the Acolyte Guild. Without the assistance of the adults we'd lack the stability and participation necessary to build and maintain our ministry. The adult program consists of five (5) adult Acolytes who serve about one Sunday each month. There is a waiting list for those interested in future participation with the adult Acolyte ministry.

Anyone interested in pursuing an opportunity for themselves or their children as a Trinity Acolyte should contact John Cloud to learn more.

# Altar Flower Ministry

## Samantha Rainman and Joanne Starbuck

Flowers beautify the sacred spaces of our church each Sunday and on other special occasions. They are a gift to God and to those who worship at Trinity. Flowers can be dedicated to commemorate a special event or to remember a loved one.



Samantha Rainman manages the Sunday flower dedications. There are several ways to submit your flower dedication:

Sign up online at <http://www.trinitymidtown.org/Flower-Dedication.html>  
Contact the Church office at 713-528-4100 or [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org)  
Sign up on the paper calendar on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

Special-occasion flowers (Christmas, Easter and funerals) are managed by Joanne Starbuck, Altar Guild Co-Director.

Thank you for your faithful support!

# Altar Guild

Mark Goza and Joanne Starbuck



In the early days of the church, followers of Christ gathered in private homes to break bread together and share their memories of him. As Christians multiplied and needed larger buildings in which to meet, certain people were given the task of caring for these places and for hundreds of years thereafter, were responsible for everything that is now considered “altar guild work.”

As is the case at Trinity, altar guilds today are groups of men and women who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the space in which we worship. 2017 Altar Guild members: Team 1: Mark Goza (team lead), Sherri McGinty, Carolyn Reyes and Rick Reyes; Team 2: Julia Madden, Pauline Maybee (team lead) and Bethel Quander; Team 3: Scott Blackmon (team lead) Alex Bruton and Joanne Starbuck (Team Lead); Team 4: Linda Davenport, Alice Davidson and Catherine Guthrie with support by Joanne Starbuck.

Each Altar Guild member is part of a team which has responsibility once a month. Trinity’s Altar Guild is responsible for preparing for all Sunday and Wednesday Eucharistic services, as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals and memorial services. The Altar Guild also prepares the Church and Morrow Chapel for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. There are also has various workdays throughout the year, which are usually before Advent, Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas. Light housekeeping and set-up for the LOTS and 8:00 a.m. Chapel services takes place on Saturday. On Sunday morning, the Chapel is cleaned and reset for the 12:30 p.m. service and preparations are then made for the 10:30 a.m. service.

We lost several Altar Guild members this year and there is a need for additional members for all Teams. If you feel called to serve on this important and fulfilling ministry, please contact Mark Goza at [mgoza@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:mgoza@galenaparkisd.com) or Joanne Starbuck at [jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net). One-on-one training and a step-by-step instruction manual (with pictures) are provided!



# Annual Blessing of the Animals

Kathryn Lanning Herman, Chair

On Sunday, October 1, Trinity Episcopal Church celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with our 17th Annual Blessing of the Animals. The patron saint of animals believed that the light of God was perfectly reflected in all of nature and nowhere is His essence better revealed than in the unconditional love, companionship, and devotion of the pets we hold dear to our hearts.



The festival was held on the Francis Street lawn and was an opportunity for animal lovers to gather for fun, fellowship, and to show off our beloved animals. This year we had dogs, cats, chickens, and horses on hand to receive a special blessing.

The Blessing of the Animals serves as a bridge event to increase awareness about Trinity Episcopal Church in the community at large. This year, the event drew a crowd of approximately 125 people with about a quarter of them being visitors to Trinity. After a short liturgy, the clergy offered blessings for each animal and the Lady BG Productions provided musical entertainment while guests chatted, visited the variety of charity groups, and learned more about Trinity Episcopal Church.

aniMeals of Wheels, a program of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, graciously donated their time to host an information table about their charity. Trinity Parishioners blessed aniMeals on Wheels with many donations of cat food, dog food, litter, and other pet supplies to be given to Meals on Wheels clients. Other draws for the event included a children's activity center, bake sale, and raffle. The raffle was a huge success and featured items donated by Blessing of the Animals ministry members, Trinity parishioners, and many more.

The Blessing of the Animals Ministry organized high altar flower dedications again as a part of the celebration and as a fundraiser for the event. People were invited to donate \$5 per pet, living or deceased, and the names of their pets were included in the service leaflets for the standard Sunday services as well as in the special service leaflet for the Blessing. All surplus funds then went towards covering event costs like DJ, food, beverages, paper goods, etc. We are proud to report that all event costs were once again covered by the flower dedication funds! The bake sale, raffle, and day-of-event donations also brought in a nice donation to Trinity!

This event would not be possible without the constant generosity and steadfast loyalty of the ministry members who show up every year to dedicate their time and treasure to this event. Many thanks to all of them for making the event such a success!

# Trinity Archives Ministry

## Gayle Davies-Cooley

The purpose of the Trinity Church Archives is to provide a safe place for the parish's historical documents and other artifacts. The church's archival collection includes service bulletins and newsletters that date to 1918, vestry minutes, registers of sacraments and services, parish meeting records, some financial documents, membership records, legal documents, architectural drawings, photographs, and much more. Trinity Church was founded in 1893, and the parish's collection is now of considerable size. Many fragile and one-of-a-kind documents are housed in the archives. However, until recently the archives were inadequate for long-term storage.



For the past four-and-a-half years, a project has been underway to remedy the situation. To summarize, the archives room was emptied in mid 2013, and the contents moved to a nearby workroom. Shelving, and acid-free file folders, cartons, etc., were purchased for safe, long-term storage, and the process of transferring documents into these new materials was begun. Following a bid process, in mid 2014 the archives room was transformed through remodeling. Most importantly at that time, a new HVAC system and dehumidifier were installed in the room to keep it at an ideal temperature (70°) and relative humidity (40%). This improvement of better climate control helps to preserve the collection since fluctuations in temperature and humidity can contribute to its deterioration.

Since the remodeling was completed, organizing and re-boxing the church's archival materials continues. Most of the easier-to-organize documents have been transferred into acid-free storage cartons, and placed in the climate-controlled archives room. Now the more difficult-to-categorize materials are being processed.

An example of the importance of this work is the discovery of archival treasure. In 2015, Lisa Pearson was sorting through a box of 1960s and 1970s legal documents for the purchase and sale of rectories. Lisa found a small pencil drawing on vellum of the church's cornerstone, hidden in a contract of sale. This detailed 1917 drawing was produced by a Cram & Ferguson (church's architects) employee in anticipation of laying the cornerstone later that year. A real treasure had been hidden away all those decades! The scanned drawing was used for the invitations and other materials in the December 2017 celebration of the cornerstone's centennial, the beginning observance of 100 years in the historic church and parish house.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Davies-Cooley  
Parish Historian and Archivist

# Trinity Art Ministry

Debra Desaulniers



Artwork of members and friends of Trinity are featured throughout the year in the Holman Street Gallery. These works photography, painting, sculpture, weaving & needlework celebrate our diverse community life at Trinity. Exhibits include the annual Lenten Stations of the Cross series in which artists contribute their experience by representing one of the fourteen stations through their art. We value, encourage and strive to support the artistic expression of members and local artists and display individual exhibits throughout the year. Contact Debra Desaulniers, [debrades55@gmail.com](mailto:debrades55@gmail.com).

2017/18 Gallery Exhibits Include:

Artwork from El Salvador, Celebrating the Life of Oscar Romero  
August 20 – October 14

Journey to Generosity, Photographs Celebrating Parish Life  
October 15 - January 4, 2018

Jazz Art, Photography and Original Posters Celebrating 17th Trinity Jazz Festival  
January 5 - February 13th

Stations of the Cross – Unique Contemporary Art  
February 14 – April 2 (First day of Lent through Easter Sunday)

## Coffee Hour

Emma Treadwell

The Coffee Hour that takes place between the 10:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. services each Sunday is an opportunity for Trinity's members and guests to meet in a welcoming environment where everyone may begin making valuable connections with each other.

This ministry is dependent on Trinity members, acting either alone or with a group of friends. Hosts who sponsor the Coffee Hour are in charge of the menu for the day and for deciding whether to buy or make foods that they select. Some Coffee Hour hosts choose to sign up for a particular date in order to celebrate a personally important occasion, such as a birthday or an anniversary. Some of Trinity's ministry groups sponsor the Coffee Hour in order to recognize or publicize an event significant to that ministry.



Members or friends of the parish are warmly invited to volunteer as hosts by signing up for a Sunday in 2018, either on the Coffee Hour Calendar in the Fellowship Hall, online at Trinity's website, or by contacting Emma Treadwell at [treadwellemma55@gmail.com](mailto:treadwellemma55@gmail.com)

# Trinity Church Endowment, Inc.

Joseph G. Brimberry, President



Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. regularly contributes significant financial resources to Trinity Church, Houston. In addition to the approximately \$200,000 provided during 2016 to the general budget, the Endowment has provided greater than \$800,000 for the replacement of the Church's primary heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The Endowment also plans to give to The Church approximately \$200,000 towards the operating budget in 2017.

As of December 31, 2016, the total assets of the Endowment exceeded \$8.7 million. However, we will be repaying a loan that was made for the planned and needed HVAC project. Therefore, please consider the Endowment when planning your charitable contributions. For example:

To celebrate a birthday, graduation, marriage or other event.

To honor a loved one or friend

To memorialize someone upon their death

Join the Bishop Sterling Legacy Society by committing to make a gift to the Endowment in your estate plans.

Please know that gifts to the Endowment generate ongoing earnings for the benefit of the Church over the long term. All gifts to the Endowment are acknowledged by a note to the donor, a note to the honoree or the family of the person memorialized and an entry in a large book at the entrance of the Church.

**REMEMBER:** Make your discretionary charitable contributions to the Endowment and keep your funds working over the long term for the benefit of the various ministries at the Church. Because of the generosity of parishioners who named the Endowment as a beneficiary in their wills, the assets of the Endowment have grown by several hundred thousand dollars over the last few years.

If you have any questions about making a contribution please feel free to contact any of the following Endowment Board members:

Joe Brimberry, President

Mary Cloud, Secretary

Edgar Marston

Marilyn Dorries

Dan Barnum

Larry Dickerson

Thom Guthrie

Brad Beers, Vice President

Ken Snell, Treasurer

Norman Kittrel

Mike Laster

Mark Goza

Curtis Clerkly

Janet Greene

# Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC)

Mary Johns



Trinity collects non-perishable food for the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) food pantry at the 8:00, 10:30, and 12:30 services. It is delivered once a month to the EAC food pantry on Fannin Street, an outreach supported by numerous mid-town congregations. The EAC targets working families and the elderly, giving them “and hand up, not a hand-out”. EAC has been very active with Harvey recovery, delivering extra food boxes to hard-hit neighborhoods, and staying open extra weeknights and Saturdays to accommodate the increased need. Typically, Trinity delivers 4-8 bags of groceries a month to the pantry. Volunteers from Trinity help pack the groceries, deliver to elderly shut-ins, and help with client intake. We also have special food drives. In 2017, for example, Trinity participated in the “Superbowl of Sharing” drive and collected 72 lbs. of canned goods. At the Christmas concert with Jazz Education Inc., Trinity helped collect 25 bags of food for the EAC. Know that these humble gifts from our kitchen pantries become part of Trinity’s offering to the EAC food pantry, so that hungry families can stretch their budget for another month.

# Education for Ministry

Rob Rumph and Rhonda Rogers



Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. This process also helps participants to reflect and better define their individual understanding of theology and personal beliefs.

The links below provide information and are an excellent read for anyone interested in an in-depth explanation of the Ministry.

Through Grace and the sincere efforts of the participants the group works toward the stated goal of EfM;

"To equip, enable and reinforce theological perspectives for work in personal and community ministries. "

Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this community group when registration opens again. More information can be found at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm> or <http://www.epicenter.org/efm/> Feel free to speak with Rev. Rich Houser if interested.

# Evening Prayer

John Merullo

*“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.” (Matthew 25:35, NRSV)*

At Trinity, we take our Lord’s commandment seriously. Nearly every week-night throughout the year, at 5:30, we offer the beautiful Daily Office Evening Prayer liturgy, after which bags with sandwiches and other foods are distributed to all who attend. The members of the congregation of this service may be homeless, they may be unemployed, they may be underemployed, or they may just wish to spend a short time out of the elements in a beautiful building and listening to a lovely service. Many of the participants are affiliated with our partner in service, Lord of the Streets Mission; however, Evening Prayer is a ministry of Trinity parish. This is at the same time a pastoral care, worship, and outreach ministry.

The sandwiches served are prepared by the Sandwich Makers Ministry, to whom we are grateful for their assistance in making this ministry possible.

The Evening Prayer services are led by lay members of Trinity who are licensed by the Diocese as Worship Leaders. Each officiant leads the service somewhat differently. Some offer a short reflection upon the lesson. When the service is over, the officiant distributes the sandwich bags to the members of the congregation, offering a each a smile and friendly handshake.

Members of this ministry mainly work independently of one another. As of December, we have nine persons active in this ministry, each of whom lead every other week or twice a month, depending on their schedules: Linda Davenport and Rhonda Rogers (Mondays); Pattie Murchison and Dax Nesossi (Tuesdays); Catherine Reed (Wednesdays); Steve Borden and Danya Corkin (Thursdays); and John Merullo (Fridays). Special thanks go to Mark Goza, Carrie Hirdes, Rob Rumph, Robert Snellgrove, and Charlie Spruell, who also participated in this ministry this year.

As ministry head, John Merullo coordinates scheduling, facilitates communication and calls occasional meetings.

We also thank Booker Lakes, Sam Jones, James Candler, Marcia Quintanilla, and Mother Hannah for their support in making this ministry possible.



# Funeral Ministry

## Mary Cloud

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. You can contact Mary Cloud at [mhcloud@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhcloud@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



# Greeter Ministry

## Kathryn Lanning Herman

Welcoming guests and greeting our members at the 10:30 a.m. service is the very important role of the Greeters Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church. The Greeters are often the first people guests encounter and Trinity's first chance to make a positive impression. Our goal is simple: we greet everyone – guests and members - and make sure they know we are truly happy that they have joined us.



The general duties of the Greeters Ministry are to arrive 20 minutes before the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and any special services like those in Holy Week, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Greeters also invite guests to fill out information cards and encourage everyone to wear name tags. After the service is over, Greeters give guests welcome packets from the Newcomers Ministry and invite them to coffee hour where they introduce guests to a couple of parishioners and the clergy. The guest information cards are then turned over to the Newcomers Ministry and clergy for follow up later in the week.

Our goal is to have two Greeters at the main entrance to the sanctuary and at least one Greeter in the hallway by the Holman Street entrance so as not to miss anyone who comes to worship. Unfortunately, in 2017 the Greeters Ministry continued to face challenges due to decreased membership. In years past we had six teams of 3 – 4 Greeters whereas we now have four teams of 1 - 2. As a result of this it is sometimes difficult to secure Greeters for the special non-Sunday services or find substitutes when conflicts arise, but our dedicated crew finds a way.

Thank you to our wonderful Greeters Dana Gannon, Steve Lee, Mary Peterson, Nancy Toberman, Terri Torres, and Alexis Thompson for a great year. The Greeters Ministry is always looking to add to our ranks. Anyone who is interested should contact Kathryn Lanning Herman at [pvagrad@gmail.com](mailto:pvagrad@gmail.com) or 832-965-5022.

# Trinity Garden Club

Sylvia Drew  
Betty Pecore

The Trinity Garden Club, with an active membership of 22, is a service organization whose purpose is to develop the beauty of the historical gardens on the church property. It is also an unofficial congregational care team, and enjoys providing floral décor for special occasions during the year.

Meetings are on the first Friday of each month, and meets either at the church or a member's home. Special garden work days are scheduled as needed.

This year the Garden Club will celebrate and assist the church by providing Altar Flowers for both the historic church and chapel on special occasions. Plans are being made to harvest these flowers and foliage from the church garden. These altar flowers will also be provided during the summer months when there are unfilled slots on the Altar Flowers chart.

A special Kindness Day celebration is planned for November 11, with the Garden Club also providing the Coffee Hour refreshments. The club also serves Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the Lord of the Streets. A cookie bank has been established to provide cookies for church functions when they are needed. Each year the Garden Club features a table in the ministry fair, Aloha Sunday, this year scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in this fun and spirit-filled service organization.



# The Hospitality Apartments Ministry

Joanne Starbuck



Hospitality Apartments provide free temporary housing (from two weeks up to three months) and a safe, welcome, comfortable and supportive environment for families in need who live more than fifty miles away from the Texas Medical Center who are receiving medical treatment at any of the medical care facilities in the Texas Medical Center area.



Mary Cloud, Rob Rumph, Charlie Spruell and Joanne Starbuck served as Trinity's Lay Eucharistic Ministers in 2017. A Communion and prayer service is offered in the Community Room for residents and their caretakers. Trinity's partners in this enriching and rewarding ministry are St. John the Divine and St. Mark's.

We are in need of an additional LEM to serve on Trinity's team in 2018. Please contact Joanne Starbuck at [jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

# Lord of the Streets Breakfast

C. Thomas Behrman



The year 2017 was another hardworking and rewarding time for our Trinity LOTS Cook Team. Lord of the Streets (LOTS) began as an outreach program of Trinity 30 years ago under The Rev. Steve Bancroft and a number of caring and committed Trinity parishioners. Our purpose is to help a downtown Houston homeless population in need of assistance. Trinity supports LOTS by direct financial assistance, food and by providing the use of its facilities, including the Sanctuary and Parish Hall for the Sunday morning Eucharist services and breakfast.

Our breakfast team cooked 6 times again this past year, including cooking for LOTS near its Easter Sunday celebration and on Christmas Eve. During the year we served between 225-250 people at the LOTS Sunday breakfasts, averaging 225+ at the regular LOTS Sundays at Trinity. Additionally, we cooked for the third consecutive year for the traditional Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, serving around 210+, and another 25-35 volunteers as cooks and servers. A hearty Thanksgiving turkey meal, with all the trimmings, was served, with our turkeys being provided through the hard work and generosity of Kroger #314 (Buffalo Speedway @ Westpark). We had 25+ members of the Lamar High School Honor Society as the serve team. This report is to express great thanks to all for the continuing support of the Parish and to thank the many devoted cook team members who volunteered throughout this year, not only those in the kitchen but also those parishioners who helped on all aspects of the Sunday breakfasts and the Thanksgiving dinner, from food pickup, delivery, and preparation, to flowers, placemats, set-up, serving and clean-up. Throughout the year we had over 30+ volunteers helping in all aspects of this ministry, and to name just a few in the kitchen: Elizabeth McClintock; Carolyn Hollrah & Frank Ramig; Norma & Charles Cooper; Ann McCoy; Joanne Starbuck; Joe Brimberry; Cindy Siebold; Bob Lane; Jim, Amy & Colin Luke; Ben & Valisa Semmes; Jack and Pattie Murchison; Saba Banding; Danya Corkin, Shelby Bradley; Kamisha Escoto; Robert Snellgrove; Steve Lee, David Williams, and Julie Villafranca; and, of course, our Rector, The Rev. Hannah Atkins, and the Church Office, Pat Laubach, et al. Also, thanks to Bob and Linda Davenport, and our many Trinity LOTS greeters, who volunteer every Sunday throughout the year on the Sunday morning services and breakfasts. Special thanks go to Mr. Gary Bloom (Manager), Bill Underwood (Floor Supervisor) and Shirley (Deli Dept.), and all their staff and employees, at Kroger #314, for their support of our Thanksgiving Dinner, donating those 18 cooked, deboned, sliced, and packaged turkeys! We could not have done the Thanksgiving Dinner without Kroger #314. And we could not have the breakfasts every Sunday at Trinity without the terrific help of James Candler, Sam Jones and Booker Lakes. Thanks be to God for this wonderful ministry of Christian hospitality and love.

And a big thank you to Ann McCoy for stepping up to take over the job of Captain of the TEC Cook Team beginning December 25, 2017. She will be giving this report at the next Parish Meeting.

Trinity Church looks forward to continuing to fulfill its commitment and to advance the mission of LOTS to minister to the spiritual, physical and social needs of the tired, poor and hungry, the homeless and needy of Houston

# Lord of the Streets

## Lay Ministers

Linda Davenport

Every Sunday, rain or shine, dedicated volunteers welcome more than 200 homeless and disadvantaged neighbors for Eucharistic worship. Volunteers assist in all aspects of this unique service. You can be as involved as you like. Some first time volunteers choose to simply model worshipful behavior 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 worshippers, help them find seats, take offering, assist in the Eucharist, hear personal prayers, or help clean-up after the service. No training is necessary. It is the most fun you will ever have at 6:30 on Sunday morning. The gratitude and love you receive by being part of this ministry will bless your week. Regular or occasional help is welcome. Contact: Linda Davenport: [lindadavenport421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadavenport421@yahoo.com), Bob Davenport at [bluchat2@yahoo.com](mailto:bluchat2@yahoo.com) or just show up in the church any Sunday at 6:30AM.



# Newcomers Ministry

Pat Laubach

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

Welcoming our guests to Trinity is one way to live into our Mission Statement. Our guests are God's weekly gift to us, giving us an opportunity to share with those He sends to us.

The Greeters and Newcomers teams for all three services provide a welcoming atmosphere for all who come to Trinity.

At the 10:30 service, Greeters and Ushers welcome guests and encourage them to complete our information cards and wear a "guest" nametag. Parishioners who wear nametags are making it easier for our guests to feel part of our worship community. The program we use at Trinity is based on guidelines developed and promoted by our diocese which has three facets: invite, welcome, connect. Invitation is not only about inviting people into a relationship with you and others in your congregation, but rather it is about inviting them into a relationship with God through Jesus.

Welcoming the stranger is welcoming Jesus. Jesus paid attention to what was going on around him and especially to those people he encountered on a daily basis. He modeled for us a new way of seeing the other - the way of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

Connection is giving meaning to membership and discovering the gifts of the people. Connection helps the newcomer answer these questions: Where do I fit in? Can I make friends in this church? Is there room for me relationally? Does this church need me? Can I find a place to belong and serve? Am I safe here?

We have been diligent in the process of inviting and welcoming, but we have needed more support for the "connection" part. Kym Cabaniss has joined the volunteer team to develop and maintain the connection that is a key component to helping those new to our community find a special worship home. Kym's email is [connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org).

Thank you to all who welcome our guests and share Christ's life-changing love.



# Parenting with Grace

Sarah Frazier



The Parenting with Grace group meets every other week in the Masterson room at 9:30 a.m. for an hour. Our discussions about books on parenting coincide with the Atrium for those with children 3 and older and with the nine and up Sunday school class, and focus on raising children of every age. Our meetings are meant to provide a time and place to support and learn from each other as we try to bring grace into our family lives and our relationships with our children.

Our readings over the past year have included books such as *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child* by John Gottman and *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children*, and *To Dance with God*, about ritual and household practice for all the church celebrations of the year. This year we're reading *The Gardener and the Carpenter* by Alison Gopnik, a behavioral researcher, exploring a "non-parenting," less molding and more organic approach to guiding children into adulthood.

All are welcome. This is a meeting you can attend even if you haven't read the chapter because the baby was up all night, or you are late and you had to put your son in the car in his PJs because even the lure of coffee hour cookies was not enough to entice him to church, but you really need to vent for a few minutes about the kids and remember you're both sane, and good.

# Photography Committee

Charlie Spruell

The mission of the Photography Committee is to capture the history of Trinity Episcopal church by providing photo coverage for all Trinity events.



In looking at the annual group photos on the walls of Fellowship Hall, you can begin to understand the importance of the art of photography. It's story telling is evident in the clothing of the twenties, the reduced number of men in attendance during WWII, the style of the sixties, all frozen in time, all apart of the history that is Trinity Church.

I hope you will consider becoming a part of this team who, through the camera lens, desires to forever capture the life of Trinity for future generations. Please contact: [Charles.spruell@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.spruell@gmail.com) 832-265-3228.

# Prayer Chain Ministry

Pauline Maybee

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to anyone interested in praying when requests are received. These requests for our Trinity family, as an example, could be for the sick, deaths, families in need, or someone who needs prayers but does not want to give any explanation. There are no meetings to attend; just your time spent in quiet prayer. Prayer requests are passed from the church office or by individuals to Pauline Maybee who sends out a request via email to all who wish to be notified and who then pray individually. This ministry began as a phone prayer chain, but email allows the information to be received by everyone more quickly. We currently have 44 members participating in this prayerful ministry.



If you would like to be part of this ministry, or if you have prayer needs or requests and would like prayers by this group, please contact Pauline Maybee at [pmmaybee@gmail.com](mailto:pmmaybee@gmail.com) or 713-668-1351.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 210. Knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn these skills are welcomed. If you have them, bring crochet needles, knitting 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 a person in need who will benefit from this outward expression of God's love and mercy wrapped around them. Clergy and parishioners alike are welcome to share a shawl. Our numbers have dwindled this past year, and so have the number of available shawls. We are hopeful that both our crafters and our shawls increase in number during 2018. *This ministry is done individually according to personal schedules. Shawls are turned in to the clergy.*



# Sandwich Makers

Richard and Judith Edgar

I take care of the Tuesday morning Sandwich maker group and my wife, Judith, takes care of the Sunday group. Both groups have been active for the whole year. The Tuesday group meets every 1st Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30-12:00.

The Sunday group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service. Both groups have a very faithful core of supporters. We can always use more volunteers though. No special training is needed.



# Signature Music Masses

Several times a year Trinity offers a unique worship experience in the style of signature music masses. These musical masses are in keeping with the musical diversity celebrated at the church over the past 16 years. The four stylistic offerings so far have been a Bossa Nova Mass, Country Mass, Big Band Mass, and the annual Jazz Festival that culminates with our largest music mass. We won an award from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for our 2017 Merle Hagard Mass.

## Bishop Sterling Endowment Society

### Marilyn Dorries, Chair

The Bishop Sterling Society was formed in 2004 in order to honor those who include Trinity Church in their estate plans. It was named to honor the Right Reverend William E. Sterling (1927-2005), “one of Trinity’s own”), who was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Church and went on to ordination as a minister, and consecration as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas.

The purpose of the Society is two-fold:

To remind us that we are only stewards of our worldly goods, and to give us the opportunity to offer to God part of our estates for the future missions of the church, and, by our example, to encourage others to become members of the Bishop Sterling Legacy Society. For more information please contact our Rector, Rev. Hannah Atkins, of your intention to transfer your assets to the future of Trinity Church. There are many ways of making other types of Estate Gifts as well as Bequests and Gifts in Memory, Thanksgiving and to Honor someone.

The Trinity Endowment contributes to the general operations of the church, as well as for repairs and improvements to the church building and grounds. It was fundamental to the purchase of the Bering House, now known as Trinity House. A major recent funding was to the heating and cooling system of the church, as well as general repairs to the church, including those needed after Hurricane Harvey. I know you share with me in recognizing the many current and future needs of our beloved historic church in Midtown Houston that we share together and with our neighbors and the larger community.

# Stewardship Report

Paula Lewis– Patterson

The 2018 Annual Giving Mission theme is Journey to Generosity- *An Opportunity to say “Yes”*. This concept builds on the momentum we experienced in our previous campaigns. Once again, in addition to the fall Annual Giving Mission campaign, the Stewardship Ministry Team implemented a broad-based, year-round stewardship program which included the following –

October 15, 2017            Annual Giving Mission Kickoff

November 12, 2017        In Gathering Sunday and Diversity Pot Luck

These events demonstrated the importance of stewardship, appreciation of each other and our resources and gratitude for the people who work tirelessly for Trinity.

Heartfelt thanks go to the Stewardship Ministry Team: Kathryn Lanning Herman, Alexis Thompson and Beau Vastine. A very special thank you to Marcia Quintanilla and Pat Laubach. We also appreciate the valuable clergy input from Rev. Hannah Atkins and Rev. Rich Houser.

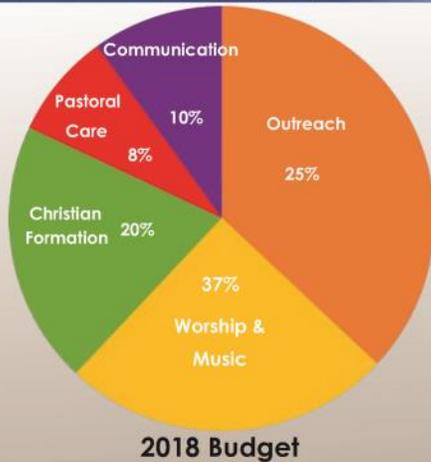
Through Trinity parishioners’ generosity, the 2017 Annual Giving Mission results as of January 19, 2018 are as follows.

<u><a href="#">2018 Annual Giving Mission Update</a></u> January 21, 2018 Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Meeting	
Current Amount	\$346, 382 .00
Current Pledges	111
Increased Pledges	32
New Pledges	17

We are so thankful to all who have participated so far. If you have not yet made your pledge, it's not too late! Please remember that while dollars are important, participation at any level demonstrates financial commitment. It is this strong commitment that will enable Trinity to continue to Make God's Presence Real by Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love. Pledges can be emailed to Larry Laubach, Treasurer at [finance@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:finance@trinitymidtown.org) or made online at the “online giving” link on the home page of [www.trinitymidtown.org](http://www.trinitymidtown.org). Please include a dollar amount and indicate if the contribution is weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual.



2018 Pledge Income Goal=\$550,000  
2018 Goal for Pledging Units=151



## GOALSfor2018

1. Feed the Hungry (Matthew 25)
2. Generate Hope (Romans 5)
3. Love one another (John 13)
4. Hold things in common (Acts 4:32)
5. Build (Ecclesiastes: 3)
6. Be servants of all (Mark 10)

*See details on [trinitymidtown.org](http://trinitymidtown.org)*

Newcomers Parish Life  
**Hospitality Ministries**  
 Liturgical Ministries Pub Theology  
 Pastoral Care **Outreach Ministries**  
**Stewardship Ministries** Arts & Spirituality  
 Adult Christian Education **Youth Ministries**  
**Women's Ministries** Special Liturgies  
 Young Professionals **Music Ministries**  
 Communications **Children's Ministries**  
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 Facilities Management

# Trinity Jazz Festival

## Jackie Rose and Michelle White

Blessings,

For the first time in its 16-year history, the Trinity Jazz Festival expanded to a four-day weekend, January 25-28, thanks to a community collaboration with the Midtown Arts and Theatre Center Houston (MATCH).



This collaboration, forged by Jazz Festival co-chair Jackie Rose, brings the documentary “Sound of Redemption: The Frank Morgan Story,” as the opening salvo for the Festival weekend. Frank Morgan, a child jazz prodigy who became addicted to heroin and spent so much time in and out of prison that he became part of the San Quentin jazz band, has a moving story of fall and grace. Co-chair Michele White saw the film and recognized the opportunity for a festival theme of redemption and suggested including a showing during festival weekend. This collaboration will attract an even broader audience to Trinity and meshes with our commitment to community outreach.

Delfeayo Marsalis narrates and features prominently in the documentary where he and others present a jazz tribute in the prison. Morgan’s sister, Angela Morgan of Houston, also appears in the film. Marsalis, the internationally acclaimed trombonist, composer, producer, educator and 2011 NEA Jazz Masters Award recipient, will be the featured artist for the annual Saturday night concert. Angela Morgan will be a special guest vocalist for the Friday Night VIP Dinner.

Our very own Horace Alexander Young returns to Trinity to serve as music director for the Sunday Jazz Mass and to perform with his quartet as the opening act for Marsalis. Thanks to Young’s talent and Festival co-chair Michele White’s knowledge of local musicians, we have a stellar line-up of artists for the four-day festival.

Young and Angela Morgan will also appear Thursday night for the talk back following the documentary.

The Friday night VIP dinner on the 26th features vocalist Kim Prevost and guitarist Bill Solley with a special guest performance by Angela Morgan. Daleton Lee will be on drums. All will perform at the rooftop Plaza room of the Doubletree Hotel in Greenway Plaza.

Jazz lovers are in for a treat Saturday starting at 10:30 am with the traditional Master Class. The free event is led by Marsalis and saxophonist Mark Gross. During the 6 p.m. reception, the student ensemble of Jazz Education Inc. performs. Then the Horace Alexander Young Quartet featuring Young on saxophones, flute and vocals, Pamela York, piano, Anthony Brock, bass and Carl Lott Jr. on drums, perform as the opening act for the Saturday night concert.

Then Marsalis and Gross take the stage with Britney Bloom on piano, Jerre Jackson, drums and Thomas Helton, bass.

The 11 a.m. Sunday Jazz Mass features the music of Ray Charles under the musical direction of Horace Alexander Young. The Mass includes the Trinity Choir, the Trinity Jazz Ensemble featuring April Sloan-Hubert, vocals, Ernesto Vega, tenor sax, Pelayo Parlade, piano and Mike Owens, bass. Guest vocalist Werner Richmond and guest musicians include Robert Chapa, drums, David Caceres, alto saxophone, LeTriel White, baritone saxophone, Thomas Hulten, (trombone 1) Joe Miller (trombone 2) Myron Jackson (trumpet 1) and James Williams Jr., (trumpet 2).

Generous donations from individuals and a grant from the Houston Art Alliance funded the Festival.

The Festival Committee created a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/trinityjazzfestival> and worked with print, television, radio and social media to publicize the festival.

As usual, the support of the Trinity staff was excellent. The 2018 Festival co-chairs would like to thank the entire Jazz Festival Committee for their enthusiasm, tireless efforts and passion. Tickets are still available for all the events and can be purchased online at <https://trinityjazzfestival2018.brownpapertickets.com>. Pre-sale tickets for the film can only be purchased through MATCH at <https://matchouston.org/events/sound-redemption>.

“It is great to be alive!” exclaimed saxophonist Frank Morgan,  
a man often at cross purpose with himself  
who despite habitual lotus eating  
blossomed with a **Sound Of  
Redemption.**

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Portrait of Frank Morgan by Rosalinda Kolb

# Trinity Jazz and Gospel Service Lay Ministry

Linda Wise Davenport

The 12:30 Lay Ministry Team consists of a dedicated group of volunteers, committed to **Making God's Presence Real by Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love.** We realize our act of service is a direct manifestation of God's love to every person who walks into Trinity.



Our team is structured a little differently than that in the main sanctuary, but we share the same passion of service.

## Host / Acolyte

The acolyte offers a personal and hands-on experience with parishioners during corporate worship. The acolyte helps prepare the altar and assists the priest during Holy Communion. Additionally, the acolyte serves as host to the lay ministry team, assuring that assigned members and resources are present to assist with worship.

## Lector

The lector has a vital role, reading aloud the assigned scripture passage during worship. A copy of the assigned reading is sent to the lector in advance, usually arriving via email, on Friday.

## Prayers of the People

The reader leads the people during this beautiful time of corporate prayer. It is a time of tranquil unity, along with individual petitions.

## Welcome Team / Greeters

This volunteer greets people as they enter the narthex, and distributes name tags. This person demonstrates God's love by making **all people** feel welcome. Greeters sometimes work in pairs.

## Usher

The usher welcomes visitors – and everyone – to the chapel; demonstrating that, “All are welcome.” The usher assists worshippers in locating seats after the start of the service, and later collects the offering.

## Healing Team

This volunteer offers prayer during Holy Communion to individuals in need of additional prayer or comfort. Members of the healing team sometimes work in pairs.

# Trinity Jazz and Gospel Service Greeter Ministry

Paul Bower

The Trinity Jazz Service Greeters is a heavenly calling.

Greeting participants and being able to call them by name is an important step in the welcoming process.

The Greeter/Welcomers arrive 15 minutes before the service starts to assemble the table with name tags, visitor information cards, and information about the coffee hour and newcomer meetings.

The Greeters are often the first welcome to visitors and regular attendees. The only qualifications are a smile and a love of people. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow worshipers.

Please contact Paul Bower for more information at [bowerp2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bowerp2003@yahoo.com).

# Office Volunteer Ministry

Pat Laubach

Many parishioners and friends of Trinity volunteer on a regular basis to assist with tasks and special projects. From preparing mailings to making sandwiches, adding seasonal plants around the fountains and helping clean kneelers in the church - all help keep Trinity beautiful.



Carol Turley maintains our database - a never-ending ministry. Please remember to notify Carol of any changes to your contact information.

Carolyn Reyes coordinates requests to use our facilities. It is important that all events or requests for use of any space at Trinity be included on the calendar. Facilities Use Request forms are available on-line or through the office.

Thank you to all the volunteers who labored so faithfully in 2017.

# Visioning Team

Saba Blanding, Jim Castro, John Escoto, Mary Johns, Ann McCoy,  
Larry Rousseau, Samantha Rainman

To help discern how we fulfill our mission of sharing Christ's life-changing love, the Visioning team and Kaleidoscope Institute hosted three parish "Heart-to-Heart" discussions. The congregation helped identify our historic strengths, current concerns, and future goals. Below is a summary of our Vision.

## **Mission Statement:**

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

## **Vision Statement:**

•At Trinity Church, everyone from newcomer to veteran embraces our mission to share Christ's life-changing love as we seek to serve Christ in one another. We support healthy leadership, community wellness, and engaging communication. We celebrate God's presence in our parish and community by cherishing Trinity's historic spaces that bring us together to fulfill our missions now and for generations to come.

### **1) Support Healthy Leadership.**

Our leadership consists of our clergy, a small staff, the Vestry, and dedicated lay leaders of the Church. A healthy leadership cannot be spread too thin, has energy to respond to emergencies and evolving missions. Our vision is to encourage all to serve and lead.

#### **Goals:**

- Clarify roles of ministries and volunteers via an organization chart;
- Document clergy's administrative tasks that need volunteer help;
- Make hiring facilities and administrative staff a stewardship priority.

### **2) Serve our Community.**

Our community is changing, within our congregation and in our neighborhood. We seek to serve Christ in one another, throughout the community.

#### **Goals:**

- Create new relationships and key contacts with local community partners;
- Strengthen and build upon existing relationships and contacts;
- Establish congregational groups to engage those not already served;
- Survey our congregation and friends, to invite their time and talent to enact our visioning goals.

### **3) Strengthen Communication**

Consistent, clear communications can help to celebrate and fulfill Trinity's many ministries, and inform new members and neighbors of Trinity's offerings.

#### **Goals:**

- Establish a common message across different communication platforms to strengthen our message of God's love and inclusion;
- Explore new ways to reach out to the local neighborhood;
- Create ministry moments that relate a ministry story or need;
- Create a "boot camp" to help inform new members of Trinity's events and communications.

### **4) Maintain and Sustain Property**

Our buildings house our worship, parish programs, and outreach. We need to take care of the property that takes care of us, to better fulfill our mission and ministries.

#### **Goals:**

- Prioritize our long list of ongoing maintenance and identify upcoming special projects;
- Clarify how special projects or emergencies are funded via parish or Endowment;
- Identify space and potential clients for rental revenue, consistent with Trinity's mission;
- Restore the Bering House for further active use by the community.



Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts

Assets		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking Accounts</b>		
1-100100 - Operating Account	\$124,514.92	
2-100101 - Rector Discretionary Account	\$1,146.88	
3-100102 - Associate Rector Discretionary Acct	\$509.32	
<b>Total Checking Accounts</b>	<u>\$126,171.12</u>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
1-100150 - Petty Cash	\$300.00	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$126,471.12</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
<b>General - Church</b>		
1-101100 - Amegy Bank Savings	\$3,662.73	
1-101101 - Merrill Lynch Investment Account	\$492,549.01	
1-101103 - US Savings Bonds-11/1992-11/2022	\$51,036.00	
<b>Total General - Church</b>	<u>\$547,247.74</u>	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$547,247.74</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
1-104100 - Church Receivables	\$12,757.49	
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>\$12,757.49</b>
<b>Endowments - Perm. Restricted</b>		
1-101120 - Trinity Endowment Fund	\$8,920,704.79	
1-101130 - Rockwell Endowment Fund	\$316,211.64	
<b>Total Endowments - Perm. Restricted</b>		<b>\$9,236,916.43</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>\$3,474,001.79</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>\$13,397,394.57</u></b>
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Prepaid Pledges</b>		
1-203100 - Future Year Pre-paid Pledges	\$42,650.00	
<b>Total Prepaid Pledges</b>		<b>\$42,650.00</b>
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
1-203105 - Accounts Payable	\$12,458.82	
1-203106 - Credit Card Charges	\$4,630.69	
1-203107 - Sam's Club Charges	\$909.39	
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>		<b>\$17,998.90</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$60,648.90</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
1-201120 - Trinity Endowment Fund	\$8,442,863.53	
1-201130 - Rockwell Endowment Fund	\$318,607.13	
1-299990 - Fixed Asset Equity	\$2,510,328.95	
1-299999 - Operating Fund	\$1,759,856.62	
<b>Total Fund Principal</b>		<b>\$13,031,656.23</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$305,089.44	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$305,089.44</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b><u>\$13,397,394.57</u></b>

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary**  
**January to December 2017**

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Donor Tithes and Offerings				
Pledged Income	\$115,815.46	\$100,152.13	\$587,984.46	\$577,379.00
Special Offerings	\$29,209.75	\$8,975.00	\$55,914.86	\$23,800.00
<b>Total Donor Tithes and Offerings</b>	<u>\$145,025.21</u>	<u>\$109,127.13</u>	<u>\$643,899.32</u>	<u>\$601,179.00</u>
Other Income	\$6,346.08	\$1,833.37	\$86,756.90	\$54,165.00
Earnings on Investments				
Church Investment Income	\$4,342.51	\$2,609.99	\$33,371.08	\$33,045.00
Rockwell Endowment Fund	\$1,725.82	\$1,725.83	\$6,903.34	\$6,903.34
Trinity Endowment Fund	\$46,260.67	\$46,260.67	\$185,042.69	\$185,042.69
<b>Total Earnings on Investments</b>	<u>\$52,329.00</u>	<u>\$50,596.49</u>	<u>\$225,317.11</u>	<u>\$224,991.03</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$203,700.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$161,556.99</u></u>	<u><u>\$955,973.33</u></u>	<u><u>\$880,335.03</u></u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Personnel</b>				
<b>Clergy Compensation</b>				
Rector	\$9,577.66	\$8,126.49	\$120,639.08	\$119,246.00
Associate Rector	\$5,897.45	\$5,431.24	\$73,086.77	\$75,969.00
Other Clergy	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$801.61	\$0.00
<b>Total Clergy Compensation</b>	<u>\$15,675.11</u>	<u>\$13,557.73</u>	<u>\$194,527.46</u>	<u>\$195,215.00</u>
<b>Lay Staff Compensation</b>				
Lay Staff Salaries	\$6,559.00	\$8,097.87	\$79,762.61	\$95,110.00
Lay Staff Benefits	\$290.72	\$2,381.37	\$21,632.07	\$28,576.00
Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense	\$1,143.54	\$1,216.63	\$12,791.91	\$14,600.00
<b>Total Lay Staff Compensation</b>	<u>\$7,993.26</u>	<u>\$11,695.87</u>	<u>\$114,186.59</u>	<u>\$138,286.00</u>
Other Personnel Expenses	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$3,917.00	\$5,372.00
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<u>\$23,668.37</u>	<u>\$25,278.60</u>	<u>\$312,631.05</u>	<u>\$338,873.00</u>
<b>Christian Formation</b>				
Adult	\$0.00	\$291.63	\$1,115.69	\$4,100.00
Children	\$222.02	\$116.63	\$1,161.97	\$1,400.00
Youth	\$0.00	\$241.63	\$1,419.04	\$2,900.00
Young Adults	\$529.66	\$125.00	\$628.03	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Christian Formation</b>	<u>\$751.68</u>	<u>\$774.89</u>	<u>\$4,324.73</u>	<u>\$9,900.00</u>
<b>Administration</b>				
Office Expenses	\$4,561.99	\$4,321.02	\$57,351.13	\$72,454.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$10.25	\$50,876.92	\$55,123.00
Other Administrative Expenses	\$409.99	\$496.26	\$15,661.35	\$6,056.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>\$4,971.98</u>	<u>\$4,827.53</u>	<u>\$123,889.40</u>	<u>\$133,633.00</u>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>				
Lawn/Tree Care	\$822.48	\$1,058.37	\$21,424.44	\$12,700.00
Maintance/Repairs	\$1,435.28	\$829.24	\$14,219.99	\$9,950.00
Plumbing	\$0.00	\$191.63	\$340.66	\$2,300.00
Electrical Repair	\$0.00	\$249.89	\$6,853.45	\$3,000.00
Pest Control	\$395.00	\$251.63	\$2,935.00	\$2,510.00
Cleaning Service/ Supplies	\$2,886.02	\$1,375.00	\$22,452.08	\$16,500.00
Carpet Cleaning	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$931.99	\$2,300.00
Aircondition Service	\$210.00	\$1,151.63	\$24,535.33	\$18,963.00
Elevator Service	\$374.40	\$250.00	\$2,608.09	\$3,100.00
Boiler Service/Permit	\$103.78	\$50.00	\$4,827.05	\$797.00
Grease Removal Service	\$323.52	\$0.00	\$760.01	\$830.00
Food Dealers Permit-Not for Pr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$177.00
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<u>\$6,550.48</u>	<u>\$6,057.39</u>	<u>\$101,888.09</u>	<u>\$73,127.00</u>
Diocesan Support	\$23,425.00	\$23,425.00	\$93,700.00	\$93,700.00
Parish Life				

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**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary**  
**January to December 2017**

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)
Fellowship	\$5,971.05	\$3,833.26	\$21,289.35	\$22,250.00
Worship	\$5,330.00	\$4,495.76	\$21,732.41	\$19,225.00
Music Ministries	\$11,745.08	\$11,033.37	\$101,052.06	\$97,850.00
Pastoral Care	\$13.00	\$8.37	\$125.00	\$100.00
General Ministries/Outreach	\$8,853.44	\$6,608.26	\$136,647.94	\$116,866.00
<b>Total Parish Life</b>	<u>\$31,912.57</u>	<u>\$25,979.02</u>	<u>\$280,846.76</u>	<u>\$256,291.00</u>
<b>Utilities</b>				
Electricity	\$3,266.01	\$3,716.63	\$48,562.41	\$44,600.00
Natural Gas	\$400.41	\$479.24	\$3,971.73	\$5,750.00
Security/Fire Alarm/Permit	\$315.36	\$237.50	\$4,272.76	\$3,070.00
Telephone/Internet	\$822.10	\$775.00	\$9,634.34	\$9,300.00
Trash & Disposal/Permit	\$422.19	\$347.37	\$3,197.10	\$2,790.00
Water & Sewer	\$1,245.51	\$849.12	\$7,146.24	\$10,189.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>\$6,471.58</u>	<u>\$6,404.86</u>	<u>\$76,784.58</u>	<u>\$75,699.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$97,751.66</u>	<u>\$92,747.29</u>	<u>\$994,064.61</u>	<u>\$981,223.00</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	\$105,948.63	\$68,809.70	(\$38,091.28)	(\$100,887.97)

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Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Summary of Restricted Accounts - Portrait  
 January to December 2017

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b>Temporary Restricted</b>				
<b>Special Offerings</b>				
1-800010 - Rector Discretionary Fund	\$1,024.52	\$27,904.25	\$17,733.75	\$11,195.02
1-800020 - Associate Rector Discretionary Fund	\$2,452.00	\$960.25	\$1,206.12	\$2,206.13
1-800050 - Women of Trinity Fund	\$7,277.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,277.23
1-800055 - Garden Club Fund	\$8,958.48	\$475.00	\$1,368.18	\$8,065.30
1-800060 - Columbarium Fund	\$43,999.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,999.44
1-800065 - Library Fund	\$1,684.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,684.34
1-800070 - Needlepoint Fund	\$606.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$606.51
1-800072 - Prayer Book Fund	\$770.00	\$680.00	\$770.00	\$680.00
1-800076 - Altar Guild	\$443.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,035.00	\$683.00
1-800081 - Catechesis Supplies	\$450.00	\$35.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
1-800082 - Nursery Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
1-800090 - Daughters of The King	\$907.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$907.00
1-800095 - Misc. Directed Contributions	\$0.00	\$65,523.28	\$62,435.28	\$3,088.00
1-800100 - LOTS Prayer Books Fund	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
1-800102 - Music Fund	\$6,885.69	\$100.00	\$494.82	\$6,490.87
1-800105 - Prayer Shaw Ministry Fund	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
1-800110 - AA Good Times Group	\$0.00	\$3,377.71	\$3,377.71	\$0.00
1-800115 - Trinity Endowment Contributions	\$1,700.00	\$4,725.00	\$6,425.00	\$0.00
1-800118 - LOTs Breakfast/Sandwich Fund	\$9,815.70	\$30,663.77	\$40,479.47	\$0.00
1-800119 - Acolyte Fund	\$2,489.13	\$0.00	\$173.96	\$2,315.17
1-800121 - Youth Mission Trips	\$1,595.42	\$815.04	\$0.00	\$2,410.46
1-800122 - Cristosal Houston Group	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$93,308.46</b>	<b>\$141,534.30</b>	<b>\$139,484.29</b>	<b>\$95,358.47</b>
<b>Reserve &amp; Building Funds</b>				
1-800200 - Capital/Improvement	\$40,380.82	\$126,351.92	\$10,675.00	\$156,057.74
1-800205 - Bering House	\$30,741.60	\$50.00	\$17,823.42	\$12,968.18
1-800206 - Bering House Restoration	\$10,100.00	\$29,489.05	\$130.00	\$39,459.05
1-800211 - Cornerstone Campaign	\$0.00	\$1,246.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.00
<b>Total Reserve &amp; Building Funds</b>	<b>\$81,222.42</b>	<b>\$157,136.97</b>	<b>\$28,628.42</b>	<b>\$209,730.97</b>
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$174,530.88</b>	<b>\$298,671.27</b>	<b>\$168,112.71</b>	<b>\$305,089.44</b>

TRINITY CHURCH HOUSTON  
ANALYSIS OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Total	Main	Rockwell
Beginning Market Value at December 31, 2016	\$ 8,769,336.49	\$ 8,457,212.08	\$ 312,124.41
Estimated Accrued Interest Per M-L Statement	\$ 17,575.61	\$ 15,557.01	\$ 2,018.60
Total Value at December 31, 2016 per M-L Statement	\$ 8,786,912.10	\$ 8,472,769.09	\$ 314,143.01
<b>Increases</b>			
Donations Received by Trinity, paid to Endowment	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 6,425.00	\$ -
Dividends & Interest	\$ 243,368.40	\$ 235,581.88	\$ 7,786.52
Unrealized Gain/Losses on Sale of Investments	\$ 557,213.44	\$ 555,765.03	\$ 1,448.41
Unrealized Gain/Loss in Market Value	\$ 827,437.87	\$ 827,136.24	\$ 301.63
<b>Total Increases</b>	\$ 1,634,444.71	\$ 1,624,908.15	\$ 9,536.56
<b>Decreases</b>			
Fayez Sarofim Fees	\$ (44,864.00)	\$ (44,270.00)	\$ (594.00)
M-L Service charges & annual fee	\$ (187.80)	\$ (81.60)	\$ (106.20)
Foreign Dividends Fees	\$ (3,511.62)	\$ (3,511.62)	\$ -
Unrealized Gain/Loss in Market Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrealized Gain/Losses on Sale of Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stern and Bucek Architects	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ -
Distribution for Chapel Repairs	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ -
Loan Payment HVAC Replacement	\$ (853,938.53)	\$ (853,938.53)	\$ -
Distributions to Trinity Church	\$ (191,946.03)	\$ (185,042.69)	\$ (6,903.34)
<b>Total Decreases</b>	\$ (1,184,447.98)	\$ (1,176,844.44)	\$ (7,603.54)
Ending Market Value at December 31, 2017	\$ 9,219,333.22	\$ 8,905,275.79	\$ 314,057.43
Estimated Accrued Interest Per M-L Statement	\$ 17,583.21	\$ 15,429.00	\$ 2,154.21
Total Value at December 31, 2017 per M-L Statement	\$ 9,236,916.43	\$ 8,920,704.79	\$ 316,211.64

**Income Available for Distribution in 2018**

**Total Income For 2017**

	Total	Main	Rockwell
Dividends & Interest	\$ 243,368.40	\$ 235,581.88	\$ 7,786.52
Fayez Sarofim Fee	\$ (44,864.00)	\$ (44,270.00)	\$ (594.00)
M-L Service Charges & Annual Fee	\$ (187.80)	\$ (81.60)	\$ (106.20)
Foreign Dividends Fees	\$ (3,511.62)	\$ (3,511.62)	\$ -
	\$ 194,804.98	\$ 187,718.66	\$ 7,086.32

**Distributions to Trinity Church**

March 15, 2018	\$ 48,701.25	\$ 46,929.67	\$ 1,771.58
June 15, 2018	\$ 48,701.25	\$ 46,929.67	\$ 1,771.58
September 15, 2018	\$ 48,701.24	\$ 46,929.66	\$ 1,771.58
December 15, 2018	\$ 48,701.24	\$ 46,929.66	\$ 1,771.58
	\$ 194,804.98	\$ 187,718.66	\$ 7,086.32

MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
NECROLOGY REPORT

The following is a list of those persons deceased during 2017 that were members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church:

*Dominga Aramillo*  
*Lew Barnum*  
*Wade Brimberry*  
*Catherine Compton*  
*James Gregg Crawford*  
*James Milford Crawford*  
*Father Di Raddo*  
*Kevin Elliot*  
*Jeannie Emerson*  
*Iris Garcia*  
*Mike Grawl*  
*Paul Hershey*  
*Michael Holden*  
*Janice Jeys*  
*BJ Johnson*  
*Quentin Koecher*  
*Dylan Le Grande*  
*Lily Mae Lennon*  
*Gerard Lepore*  
*Juanita Virginia Lyles-Norwood,*  
*Pierette Martin*  
*Tom Powell*  
*Grazyna Radoszek*  
*William Ray*  
*Gary Rothenberg*  
*Karl Rubrecht*  
*Nina Dahlstrom Stowers*  
*Robert Winship*

# Closing Hymn

## The Church's One Foundation

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

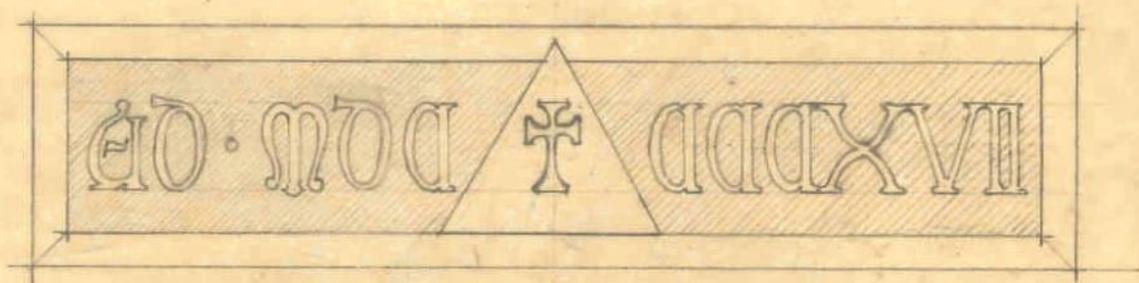
1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)  
Music: Aurein, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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FOR OTHER FOVND  
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• BOSTON AND HOUSTON •

# TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL 2018

## JANUARY 25

7:00pm – Film Screening *Sound of Redemption: The Frank Morgan Story*  
Discussion to follow: MATCH Theatre, 3400 Main Street

## JANUARY 26

6:00pm - VIP Dinner with music by Kim Prevost and Bill Solley  
DoubleTree Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza

## JANUARY 27

10:30am - 12:00pm - Master Class  
Facilitated by Delfeayo Marsalis (trombone) and Mark Gross (saxophone)  
The class is free and open to all  
6:00pm - Reception featuring the Jazz Education, Inc. Student Ensemble  
7:00pm - Opening performance by The Horace Alexander Young Quartet  
8:00pm - A tribute to Frank Morgan featuring Delfeayo Marsalis and Mark Gross

## JANUARY 28

11:00am - Jazz Mass Honoring Ray Charles  
Featuring Vocalist Werner Richmond and the Trinity Choir and Jazz Ensemble

Unless otherwise indicated all events will take place at  
Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Holman @ Main Street

Visit the Festival website for more information: [www.trinityjazzfestival.net](http://www.trinityjazzfestival.net)



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