



# **TRINITY PARISH LIFE GUIDE** **SPRING 2019**

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Houston, Texas

# **WELCOME** to Trinity Episcopal Church



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

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

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

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

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

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

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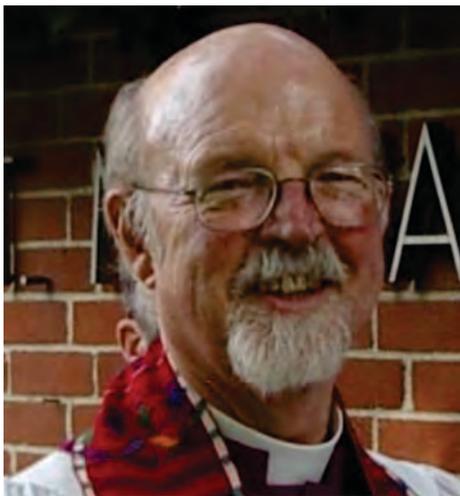
# MEET Our Clergy



## **The Rev. Rich Houser**

### *Associate Rector*

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



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

### *Theologian in Residence*

The Reverend Canon Dr. Henry Atkins, Jr. is a retired priest canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey. Canon Atkins is an honorary Canon of the Diocese of Costa Rica, a graduate of Randolph Macon College, The Virginia Theological Seminary and holds a doctorate from The Graduate Theological Foundation in Notre Dame, Indiana.

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

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

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

# MEET Our Clergy



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

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



# THE VESTRY

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

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



## **2018 Vestry**

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

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

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

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



*1940 Vestry*

# ONGOING PROGRAMS

## SUNDAY

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

## DAILY

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

## WEEKLY

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

## MONTHLY

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

# CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

## JANUARY 2019

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

## FEBRUARY 2019

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

## MARCH 2019

- 05 (Tue.) Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, Burning of Palms,  
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 06 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm,  
Church Ashes To Go, all day Midtown Neighborhood
- 10 (Sun.) First Sunday in Lent, The Great Litany Procession,  
10:30 am, Church  
Concert and Choral Compline, 7:00 pm, Church
- 17 (Sun.) Second Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive
- 24 (Sun.) Third Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive
- 26 (Tue.) Women's Circle, 6:00 pm Room 210
- 31 (Sun.) Fourth Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive

## APRIL 2019

- 7 (Sun.) Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 10 (Wed.) Seder Dinner 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 13 (Sat.) Palm Cross Making 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- 14 (Sun.) Palm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, Church
- 18 (Thu.) Maundy Thursday Family Service 5:30 pm,  
Morrow Chapel  
Maundy Thursday Rite 1 7:00 pm, Church
- 18–19 The Watch Thursday 9:00 pm - Friday Noon
- 19 (Fri.) Good Friday Noon, Church,  
Stations of the Cross 1:15 pm
- 20 (Sat.) Holy Saturday The Great Easter Vigil with  
Baptisms 8:00 pm, Church
- 21 (Sun.) Easter Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm,  
Flowering of the Cross 10:15 am Bishop's Garden,  
Parish Photo 12:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt following
- 28 (Sun.) Easter II

## MAY 2019

- 05 (Sun.) Easter III
- 12 (Sun.) Easter IV, Mother's Day, Flowers & Cards,  
Concert and Choral Compline, 7:00 pm, Church
- 19 (Sun.) Easter V, Graduation Sunday,  
Teacher & Office Volunteer Recognition
- 26 (Sun.) Easter VI

## JUNE 2019

- 02 (Sun.) Easter VII
- 09 (Sun.) Pentecost Sunday
- 16 (Sun.) Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, Pies for Padres

# ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Peace Crane Folding Project

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

## Sunday Forum

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

## Parenting with Grace

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



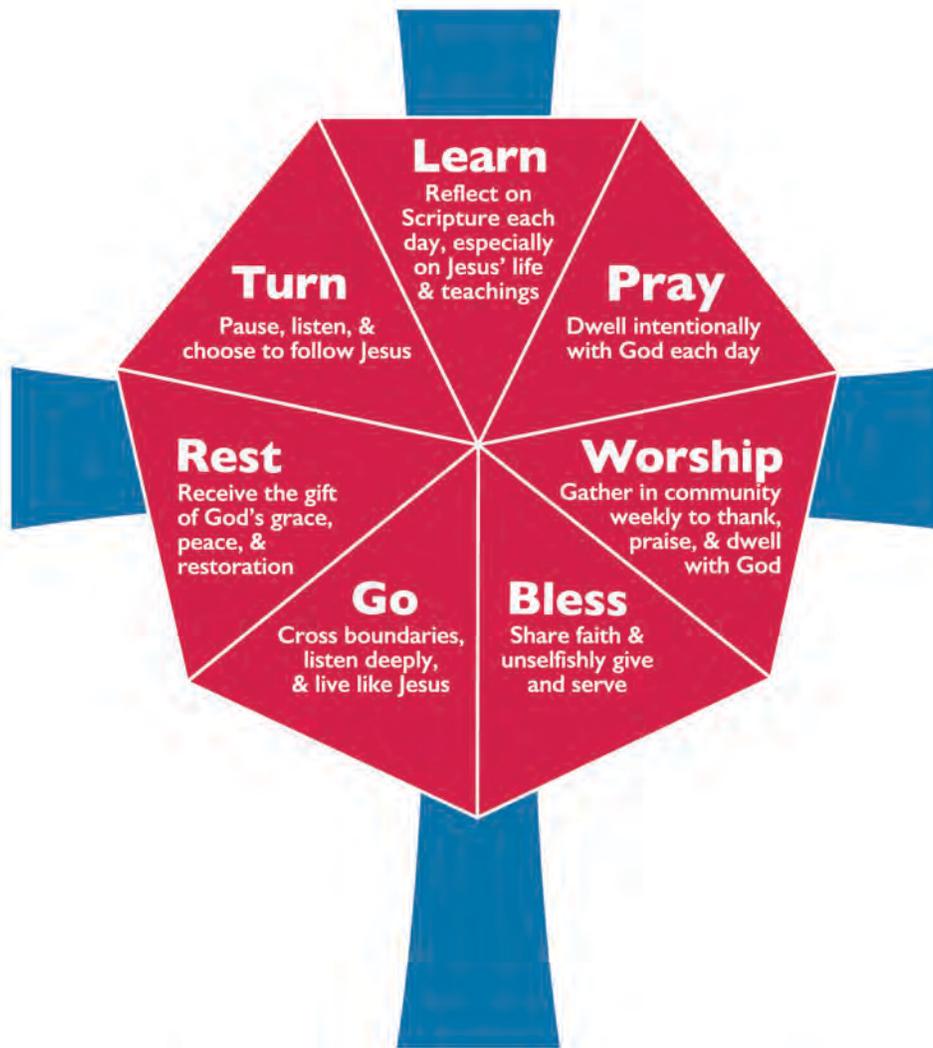
## The Creative Practice Writing Circle

The Creative Practice Writing Circle will meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 am beginning Tuesday, January 8. We will meet in the Masterson library from 11:00 am to noon. This group will engage in writing for an hour together. There will be a brief centering introduction and conclusion and the rest of the time will be in silence as we write together. All writers are welcome to practice all kinds of writing, from journaling to poetry to longer fiction or nonfiction projects. We will not be sharing our writing formally during the circle. The intent of the circle is to provide time, space, and community as we create side by side. Bring whatever you want to write and join us!

# ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## The Way of Love

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it. For more information or resources please visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

# ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

## Sunday Morning Forum Topics

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

### JANUARY 2019

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

### FEBRUARY 2019

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

### MARCH 2019

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

### APRIL 2019

- 07 Lenten Series
- 14 Palm Sunday/No Forum
- 21 Easter Sunday/No Forum
- 28 No Forum

### MAY 2019

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

### JUNE 2019

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

**We will be looking at Saints during Lenten Series.**



# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION



## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

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



## **Episcopal Children's Curriculum**

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



## **Family Maundy Thursday Eucharist**

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 5:30 PM - Enjoy the simple beauty of Maundy Thursday in Morrow Chapel with foot washing for all. This is a child-centered worship experience complete with music.

## **Good Friday Story Time**

Friday, April 19, 2019 – Noon – Atrium – Youth of all ages are welcome to hear the story of Jesus' in an age appropriate story time taught by our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teachers.

## **Parenting with Grace**

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

# FAMILY MINISTRY

*Families of all types are invited to participate!*



## Family Ministry Events:

Saturday, March 2nd, Touch-A-Truck Event in Trinity Parking Lot 10am - 1pm

Tuesday, March 5th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6pm Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 6th Brunch, 11am The Breakfast Klub

Thursday, April 18th Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm Morrow Chapel

Friday, April 19th Good Friday Story Time, Noon, Atrium

Saturday, May 4th Brunch, 11am Little Matt's



# TOUCH A TRUCK



10 A.M. TO NOON, RAIN OR SHINE  
EVERYONE WELCOME - NO FLASHING LIGHTS/SIRENS 10-11 A.M.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2** Free

AT THE TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT  
3512 MAIN ST. NEAR HOLMAN

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Cathedral

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Church

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Church

# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

## Spring 2019 Events by Date

- Saturday, March 2nd, Touch-A-Truck Event in Trinity Parking Lot 10am - 1pm  
Tuesday, March 5th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6pm Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, April 6th Brunch, 11am The Breakfast Klub  
Thursday, April 18th Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm Morrow Chapel  
Friday, April 19th Good Friday Story Time, Noon, Atrium  
Saturday, May 4th Brunch, 11am Little Matt's



# CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CALENDAR

## Sundays

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

## JANUARY 2019

- 06 The Epiphany
- 13 The First Sunday After Epiphany
- 20 Annual Meeting - The Second Sunday After Epiphany -  
Classes begin at 9:30 am
- 27 Jazz Mass - The Third Sunday After Epiphany -  
Children's Chapel 10:45 am to 12:15 am

## FEBRUARY 2019

- 03 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 10 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 17 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 24 Big Country Mass - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany -  
Children's Chapel 10:15 to 11:15

## MARCH 2019

- 03 Last Sunday after the Epiphany
- 10 First Sunday in Lent
- 17 Second Sunday in Lent
- 24 Third Sunday in Lent
- 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent

## APRIL 2019

- 07 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 14 Palm Sunday - Children's Chapel 10:15 am to 11:15 am
- 19 Good Friday Story Time - 11am
- 21 Easter - No Sunday School
- 28 1st Sunday After Easter

## MAY 2019

- 05 2nd Sunday After Easter
- 12 3rd Sunday After Easter
- 19 4th Sunday After Easter
- 26 5th Sunday After Easter

## JUNE 2019

- 02 6th Sunday After Easter
- 09 Pentecost
- 16 Trinity Sunday

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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



# YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

## **Diocesan Events**

### **Junior High Retreat 2019**

Friday, March 01, 2019, 7:00 PM - Sunday, March 03, 2019, 11:00 AM at Camp Allen

### **Intermediate Retreat 2019**

Friday, March 01, 2019, 7:00 PM - Sunday, March 03, 2019, 12:00 PM at Camp Allen

### **YES (Youth Encounter Spirit) #131**

Friday, April 26, 2019, 7:00 PM - Sunday, April 28, 2019, 2:00 PM at Camp Allen

### **Happening #163**

Friday, April 26, 2019, 7:00 PM - Sunday, April 28, 2019, 2:00 PM at Camp Allen

## **Youth Ministry Spring Calendar**

Sunday, January 6th Noon	Deliver Poinsettias to Nursing Home
Sunday, January 13th Noon	Youth Visioning
Sunday, February 3rd, Noon	Mission Trip Information Session
Sunday, February 10th, Noon	Senior High Bible Study, Youth Room
Sunday, February 17th Noon	Junior High Youth Event, (Details to Follow Youth Visioning)
Sunday, March 24th Noon	Sunday Coffee Hour Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
Sunday, March 31st Noon	Junior High Youth Event, (Details to Follow Youth Visioning)
Sunday, April 7th Noon	Senior High Bible Study, Youth Room
Sunday, April 28th Noon	Deliver Easter Lilies to Nursing Homes
Sunday, May 5th Noon	Junior High Youth Event, (Details to Follow Youth Visioning)

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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



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

## **Saturday, February 9th**

11:30 AM Irish Breakfast at Jack and Gingers

## **Friday, March 22nd**

8pm - Dinner at Weights and Measures

# MUSIC MINISTRY



## **Trinity Choir**

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

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

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

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

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

The first Concert and Choral Compline will be Sunday, January 13th, 7pm, and the Second Sundays thereafter.



## **Trinity Jazz Ensemble**

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

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## Trinity Women's Circle

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

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

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

## Women's Retreat

Look for upcoming details on our website.

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

# PASTORAL CARE

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

## **Healing Ministry**

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

## **Hospitality Apartments**

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

## **Prayer Chain**

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

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

## **Pastoral Care Team Visits**

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

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

# PASTORAL CARE



## Prayer Shawl

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

## Spiritual Direction

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

## Funeral Ministry

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

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



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



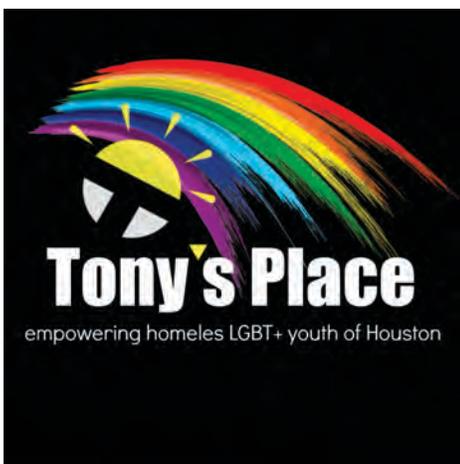
## Fill the Trailer

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



## Evening Prayer

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



## Homeless Gay Kids Houston

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

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

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

## Adopt-a-Bag

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

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Annual Outreach Fundraiser

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

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

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

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

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

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



## reVision

reVision leverages the power of community to connect kids experiencing profound disconnection with caring adult mentors, positive peer experiences, and life-changing resources, empowering them to revision a more hopeful future. Our hundreds of volunteers are committed to standing with the most marginalized and isolated youth not only trying to survive on the margins of society but struggling to find meaning on the margins of hope. To alter the inevitable trajectory towards homelessness, addiction, crime, sex-trafficking, incarceration, joblessness, gangs, and suicide, we affirm each youth's worth and potential, accept them into a compassionate community of kinship and become a someone to a kid who has no one.

Sexually exploited children are among the most in need for compassionate, caring connection. Because of its expertise, track record, and credibility the Office of the Governor recently asked Houston: reVision to join its newly formed Child Sex Trafficking Team. The organization and its volunteers are playing a strategic role in the build out of this notable and vital effort.

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

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Lord of the Streets–Cook & Serve Team

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



## Lord of the Streets–Lay Ministers

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

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

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

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Sandwich Makers

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



## Emergency Aid Coalition Food Pantry

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



## Ashes to Go

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

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## Jazz Education Summer Youth Program

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

## Foundation Cristosal

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



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us on Sunday, February 3, 2019 as we help tackle hunger by bringing canned goods or funds that benefit Emergency Aid Coalition. 100% of all donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring benefit local charities. Our coffee hour that Sunday will also feature soups!

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## The Tenacious Ten

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

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

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



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## LILO GONZALEZ

Inmigrante salvadoreño y residente en Washington DC. Lilo es un artista del canto por la vida, la justicia y la paz. Tiene una trayectoria por más de 30 años acompañando a los pueblos migrantes y sus causas. Cuenta con una vasta producción de canciones originales, llenas de sentimiento y creatividad musical. Su canto refleja su ser humilde y su amor por su pueblo natal, sus tradiciones culturales y su compromiso con la justicia social.

- **Día: sábado 19 de enero 2019**
- **Hora: 7:00 PM**
- **Lugar: Trinity Episcopal Church**  
1015 Holman Street at Main  
Houston, TX 77004
- **Donación \$10.00**



## Cantata por el TPS con Lilo González

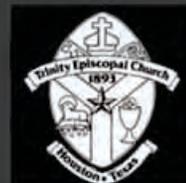


La organización CRECEN te hace la atenta invitación al concierto y cantata para salvar el TPS con el cantautor y activista Lilo González. Será una noche de encuentro, solidaridad y lucha para alimentar el espíritu de nuestra comunidad beneficiaria del TPS y el éxodo migrante que camina y busca futuros de esperanza y paz.

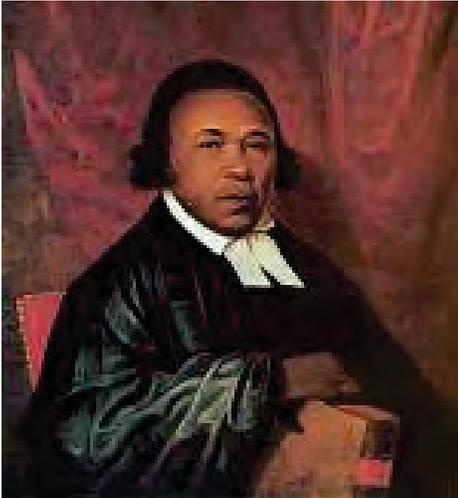
### ¿Cómo participo?

- Donación al concierto \$10 o lo que su conciencia y cartera alcance
- Promueva este evento en sus redes sociales y contactos de amistades
- Invite a sus amigos y pague la entrada de una persona
- Apoye al artista nacional y solidario con sus causas

Para más información contactar:  
Teléfono: 713.271.9703  
Fax: 713.271.9704  
Email: [crecen.hafa@gmail.com](mailto:crecen.hafa@gmail.com)  
6601 Hillcorft #125  
Houston, TX. 77081



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## **Absalom Jones Day Celebration**

Saturday, February 16, 2019, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church, 1410 Jack Johnson Blvd., Galveston, TX US 77550-3953

Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of The Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, with a festive Eucharist, panel discussion and lunch. Rev. Melanie Jones, Crump Visiting Professor and Black Religious Scholars Group Scholar-in-Residence at the Seminary of the Southeast will be the guest preacher. Following the service, there will be a panel discussion with Rev. Jones and local civic leaders on, "The Church's Role in a Racially Divided Nation."

Contact the Rev. Canon Glenice Robinson-Como at 713.590.3319 for more info.

# FACILITIES

## Hogan Library

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

## Property Committee

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



# LENT/HOLY WEEK Schedule

## MARCH 2019

- 05 (Tue.) Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, Burning of Palms, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 06 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Church, Ashes To Go, all day Midtown Neighborhood
- 10 (Sun.) First Sunday in Lent, The Great Litany Procession, 10:30 am, Church  
Concert and Choral Compline, 7:00 pm, Church
- 17 (Sun.) Second Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive
- 24 (Sun.) Third Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive
- 26 (Tue.) Women's Circle, 6:00 pm Room 210
- 31 (Sun.) Fourth Sunday in Lent, Fill the Trailer Clothing Drive

## APRIL 2019

- 7 (Sun.) Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 10 (Wed.) Seder Dinner 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 13 (Sat.) Palm Cross Making 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- 14 (Sun.) Palm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, Church
- 18 (Thu.) Maundy Thursday Family Service 5:30 pm, Morrow Chapel  
Maundy Thursday Rite 1 7:00 pm, Church
- 18-19 The Watch Thursday 9:00 pm - Friday Noon
- 19 (Fri.) Good Friday Noon, Church,  
Stations of the Cross 1:15 pm
- 20 (Sat.) Holy Saturday The Great Easter Vigil with  
Baptisms 8:00 pm, Church
- 21 (Sun.) Easter Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm,  
Flowering of the Cross 10:15 am Bishop's Garden,  
Parish Photo 12:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt following  
photo

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## Altar Guild

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



## Lay Minister

Lay ministers are trained volunteers who assist the clergy by serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), lectors, or reading the Prayers of the People. LEMs assist the priests during communion by administering the sacraments of Holy Communion, specifically the consecrated wine. Lectors read the assigned lessons for the day at a service. A reader leads the congregation in the Prayers of the People in a format from the Book of Common Prayer. All lay ministers are approved by the Rector, then trained and scheduled to serve. Contact Pat Laubach [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org) for 8:00am and 10:30am services and Linda Davenport [lindadavenport421@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadavenport421@yahoo.com) for 12:30pm services.



## Wedding Ministry

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

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## Ushers

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



## Greeters

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



## Verger

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

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

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## **Acolyte**

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



## **Sound Operators**

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



## **Flower Ministry**

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

# COMMUNICATION

## The Monthly Window

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

## The Weekly Window

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

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

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

[twitter.com/Trinitymidtown](https://twitter.com/Trinitymidtown)

# HOSPITALITY

## Hospitality

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

## Coffee Hour

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

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



# ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



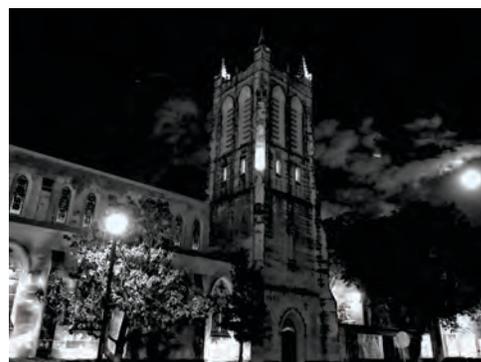
*Artwork of members and friends of Trinity are featured throughout the year in the Holman Street Gallery. These remarkable works of photography, paintings, wood sculpture, weavings and needlework express our core community value of celebrating diversity in backgrounds through creative and artistic expressions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

## **Art Exhibits for the Holman Street Gallery**

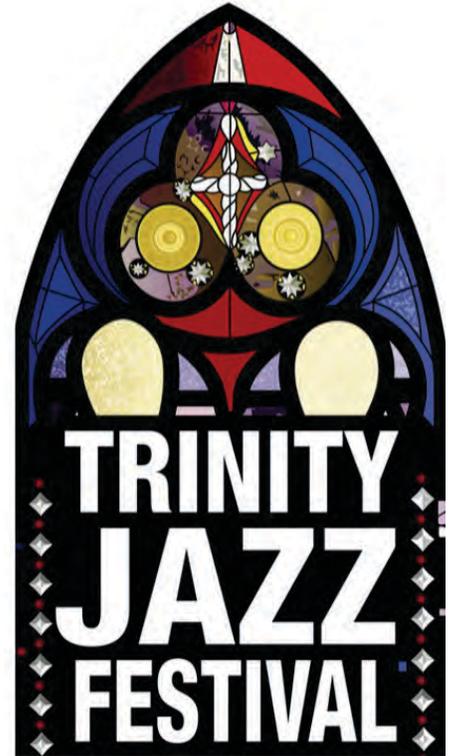
January 8th–28th	Jazz Festival Photo Exhibition
January 29th–March 5th	Roberta and Her Colorful Paintings
March 5th–April 18th	Stations of the Cross

## **Photography**

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



# ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



## Trinity Jazz Festival

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

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

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

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

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

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN JAZZ

# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Trinity Church - Midtown | 1015 Holman @ Main  
January 26-27, 2019

## SATURDAY

6:00 PM

CD RELEASE PARTY

and interview by Chris Becker

7:00 PM

HOUSTON'S JEWELS OF JAZZ

Yvonne Washington  
Mickey Moseley  
Ermelinda Cuellar

8:15 PM

PIANIST HELEN SUNG

Debuting her first vocal CD "Sung With Words"  
A collaboration with Dana Gioia

(Kendrick Scott - drums, David Wong - bass,  
Samuel Torres - percussion, John Ellis - saxophone,  
Christie Dashiell - vocals.)



## SUNDAY

Don't miss our **Jazz Mass** Sunday 11:00 am.  
**Sermon** by the Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector  
**Featuring:** The music of Nina Simone  
with April Sloan - Hubert  
and special guest Kim Prevost.  
Horace Alexander Young-Musical Director

For tickets and more information,  
visit: [www.trinityjazzfestival.com](http://www.trinityjazzfestival.com)



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# ARTS & SPIRITUALITY

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

**BIG**

**COUNTRY**

**MASS**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER  
REV. HANNAH ATKINS ROMERO

Featuring Music By:

**Waylon Jennings**

**SUN. FEB. 24**

**2019 11AM**

**MIKE OWEN**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

1015 Holman St.  
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# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Animal Blessing

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



## Aloha Sunday

Part back to school, part kick-off for the fall program season, Aloha Sunday is a fun day showcasing all the ministry opportunities at Trinity. Each ministry offers information and an opportunity to participate in a variety of liturgical, pastoral care, outreach and parish life ministries. Sunday, September 8, 2019.



## Pub Theology

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

## Trinity Links

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

## Parish Potlucks

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

## Invitation Sunday

The Diocese of Texas chose "Invitation Sunday" as the theme of the initiative that focuses on the simple act of inviting family, friends and even total strangers to attend church. Post cards with Trinity information are provided for distributing to potential guests. Sunday, September 8, 2019

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## **Office Volunteer Ministry**

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



## **Parish Life Breakfast**

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

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Garden Club

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



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

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

## Archives

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

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Membership

Discovering Your Membership at Trinity – The Episcopal Way Classes

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

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

Saturday, March 23rd 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Smith Room



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

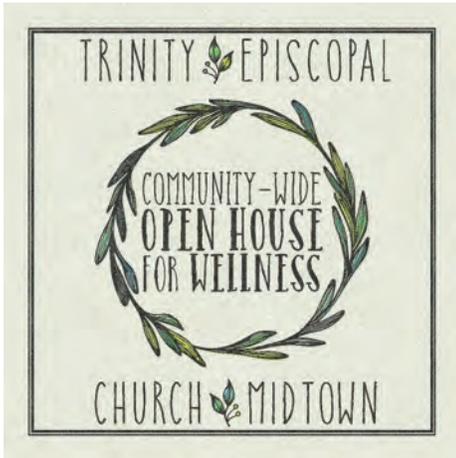
For more information about becoming a member of Trinity, please contact Carol Turley, Membership Secretary, at [membership@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:membership@trinitymidtown.org). or speak to Hannah or Rich, our clergy.

Books for further reading:

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

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

# PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



## Community-Wide Open House for Wellness

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



## Listening Post

The Listening Post is an opportunity for people in the Midtown neighborhood to talk and be heard. Midtown's Listening Post was inspired by the Listening Post that was started at Appalachian State in 2009. We are on the Holman Street sidewalk on Fridays from noon to 2:00 pm. Check out our updates on the ministry in our Facebook page's posts.

# GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

## Endowment

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

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

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

## Stewardship

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

## Bishop Sterling Legacy

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

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

# GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

## Transforming Generosity An Opportunity to Say “Yes”

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

### How to Give

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



### Goals Include

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



# NEWCOMERS MINISTRY



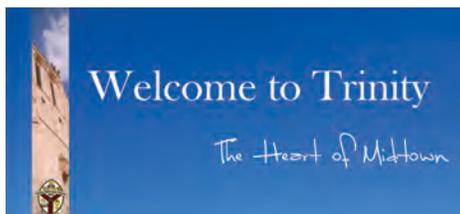
*This ministry helps guests and new members become fully assimilated into the Trinity Family. Contact Pat Laubach at [volunteer@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:volunteer@trinitymidtown.org).*

## **Meet and Greet**

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

## **Newcomer Fiesta**

Twice a year, the Rector hosts a Fiesta at the Rectory to welcome the newest members to Trinity and enjoy some good Tex-Mex food while getting to know other new members in a fun, relaxing evening. Look for upcoming details on our website.



# SPECIAL LITURGIES



*See calendar of events for dates and times*

## **Epiphany Vigil**

Saturday, January 5th, 5:30 pm  
Including burning of the greens

## **Second Sunday Compline**

Offered the Second Sunday of each month, preceded by an organ concert, is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin completorium, as Compline is the completion of the working day. The first Concert and Choral Compline will be Sunday, January 13th, 7pm, and the Second Sundays thereafter.

## **Jazz Mass**

featuring the music of Women of Jazz  
Sunday, January 27th: 11:00am combined service

## **Big Country Mass**

featuring the music of Waylon Jennings'  
Sunday, February 24th: 11:00am combined service

# MINISTRY HEADS CONTACT

## MINISTRY

Acolyte

Altar Guild

Animal Blessing

Archives Ministry

Artists of Trinity

Bishop Sterling Society

Breakfast and Belief

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Coffee Hour

Communications

ECC Tweens

Emergency Aid Coalition

Evening Prayer

Flower Ministry

Foundation Cristosal

Funeral Ministry

Garden Club

Greeters

Harvey and Interfaith Ministry

Healing Ministry

Hospitality Ministry

Hospitality Apartments

Jazz Education, Inc.

Jazz Festival

## LEADER

John Cloud

Mark Goza

Joanne Starbuck

Gayle Davies-Cooley

Debra Desaulniers

Marilyn Dorries

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero

The Rev. Rich Houser

Emma Treadwell

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Mary Johns

John Merullo

Samantha Rainman

Elmer Romero

Mary Cloud

Sylvia Drew

Tony Huffman

Paul Bower (12:30)

Dana Gannon (10:30)

Robert Snellgrove (8:00)

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Lay Ministers

Library

Lord of the Streets Cook Team

Lord of the Streets Ministers

Monthly Window

Newcomers Ministry

Office Volunteer Ministry

Outreach Fundraiser, We Are Family

Parenting with Grace

Parish Life Breakfast

Pastoral Care Team

Peace Cranes

Photography

Prayer Chain

Property Committee

Sandwich Makers

Sound Operators

Stewardship

Trinity Choir

Trinity Endowment

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Trinity Vestry

Ushers

Vergers

Visioning Team

Wedding Ministry

Weekly Window

Wellness Open Houses

Women's Circle

Young Professionals

Youth Ministry

## LEADER

Linda Davenport (12:30)

Savannah Dorsett

Ann McCoy

Linda Davenport

Mark Goza

Pat Laubach

Pat Laubach

Terri DiRaddo

Sarah Frazier

James Candler

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero

Libby Tsubai

Elmer Romero

Pauline Maybee

John Escoto

Erma DeWispelaere

Bob Dorries

Vic Powell

Libby Tsubai

Robert Feltenberger

Collin Boothby

Joe Brimberry

April Sloan-Hubbert

Pelayo Parlade

Robert Snellgrove

Carl Thompson

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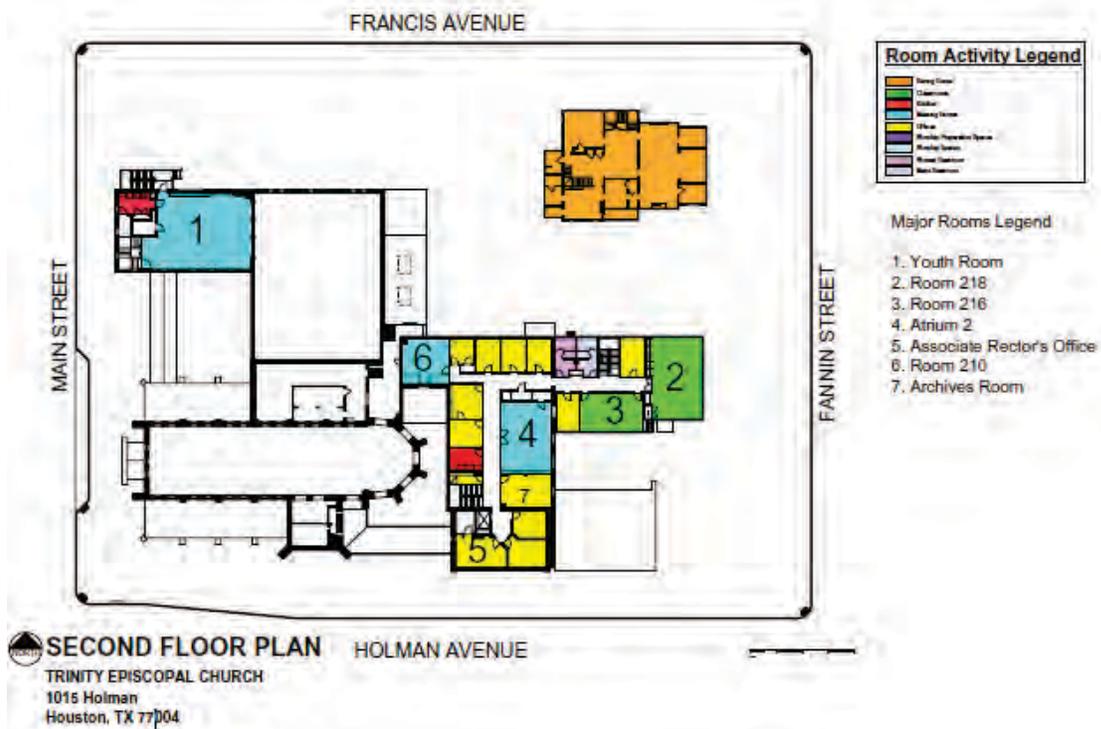
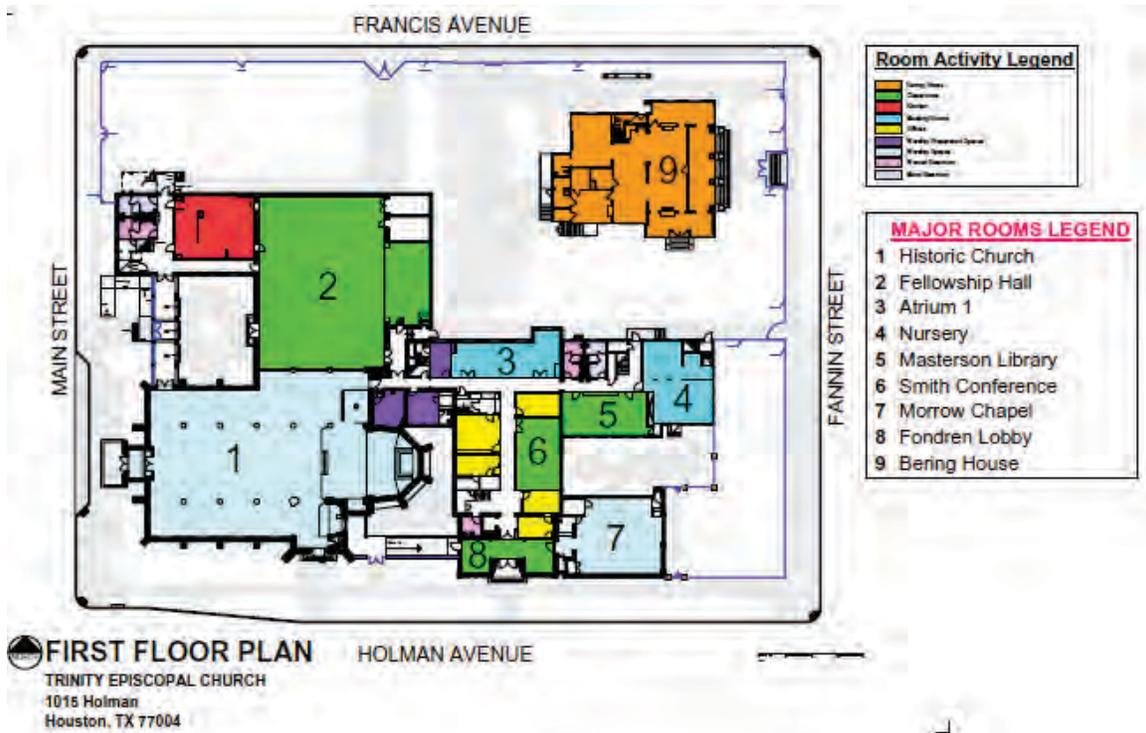
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# FACILITIES MAP



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## Facilities Use Coordinator

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

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# MISSION & VALUES



## **Mission Statement**

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

## **Core Values**

### ***Worship***

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

### ***Community***

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

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

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







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