



THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EASTER SUNDAY 2023

TRINITY PARISH LIFE GUIDE FALL 2023

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. 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!

It's time to grow in Spirit and as a community. Consider yourself ready to participate in the ministries that draw you and that need you in order to be vital and healthy. During the COVID pandemic we pivoted to the needs and circumstances. We suffered much loss. This year, with everyone's participation, we will fill the church with a sense of love and a community that cares. Join in, invite your friends, and make a difference in the church and in the city.

A very special thanks to our Trinity Photographers for their images found in the following pages, especially Ron Mailloux, Hannah Atkins Romero, and Elmer Romero.

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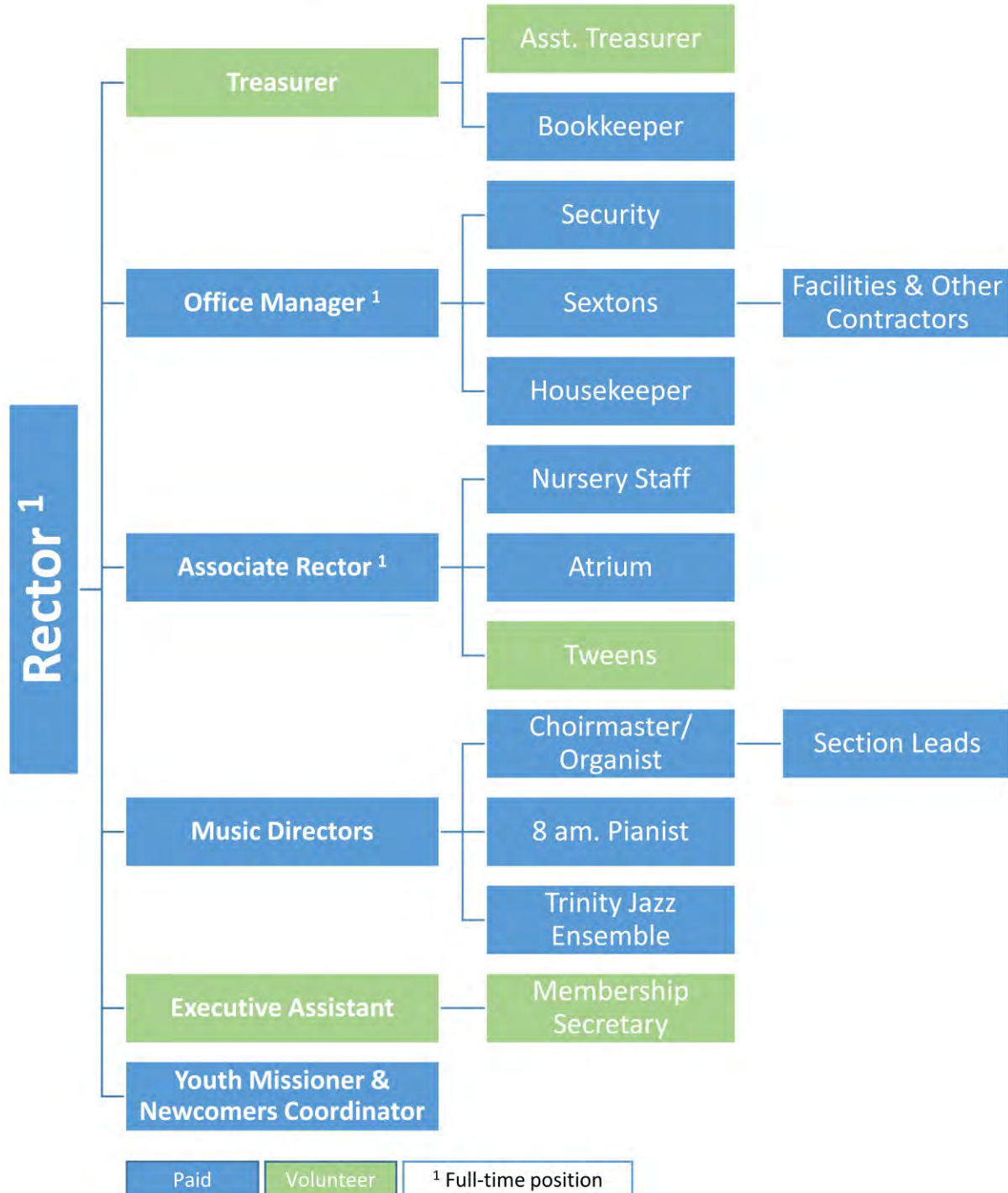
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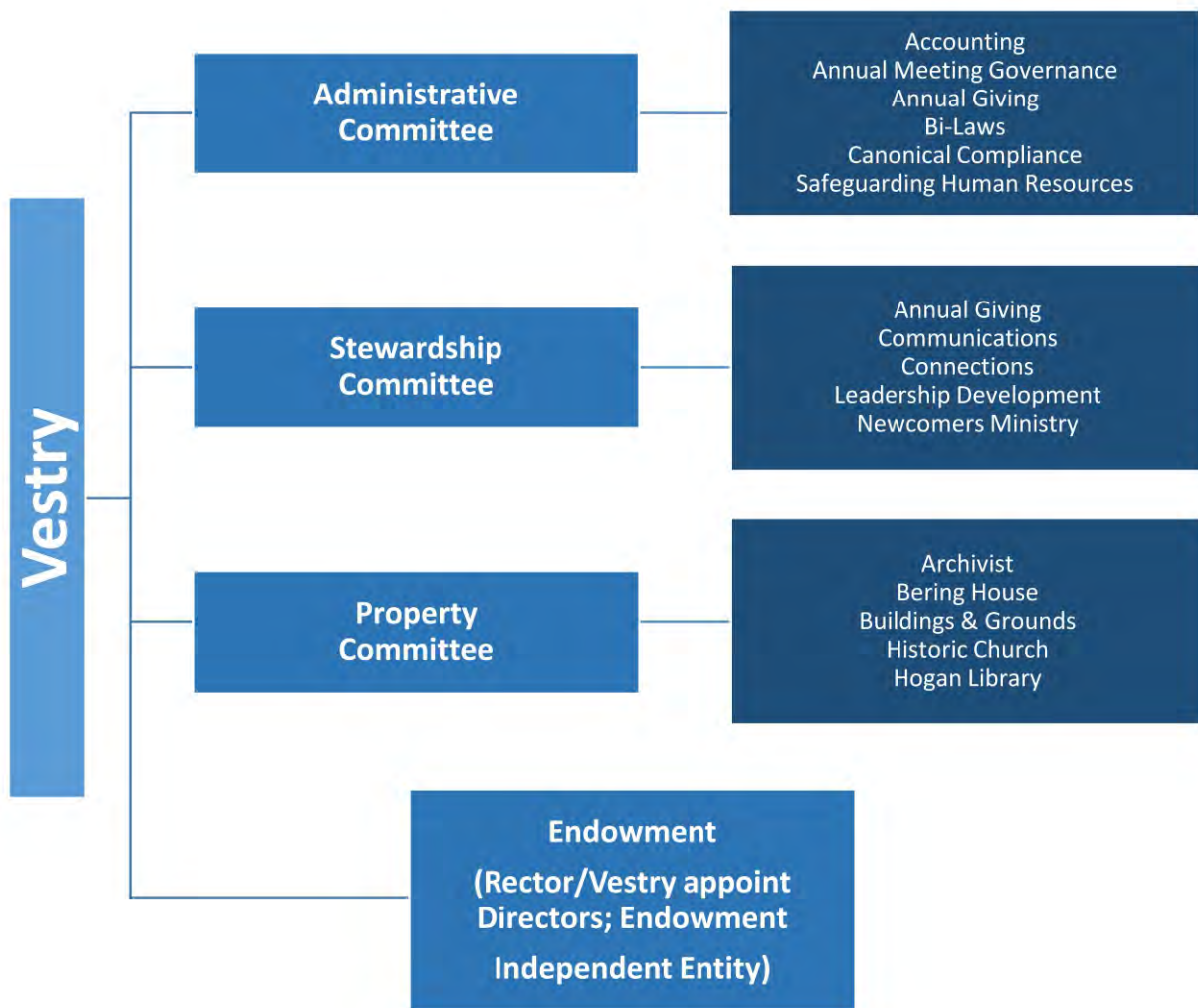
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Trinity Episcopal Church Staff Organization Chart with Office Manager



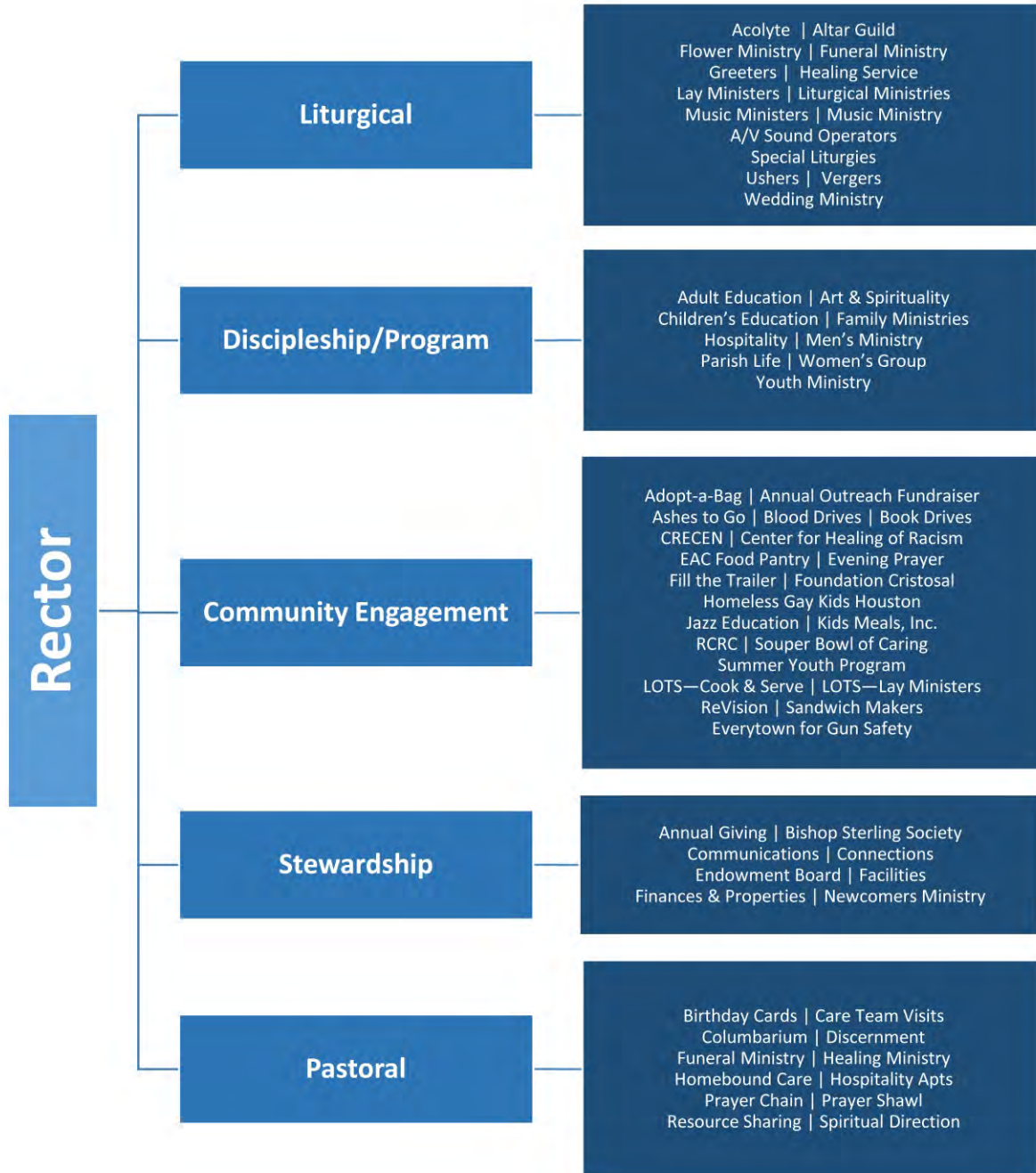
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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Organization Chart



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Trinity Episcopal Church Ministries Organization Chart



MEET Our Clergy



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero *Rector*

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero serves as the fifteenth rector in Trinity's 130 year history. 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 master's degree in divinity at the General Theological Seminary in New York, with additional masters level studies in theology at Universidad Centroamericana Jesuita in El Salvador. She has recently finished all her coursework for a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in preaching at The School of Theology in Sewanee. She will defend her thesis in January 2024. Before coming to Trinity, Houston, The Reverend Atkins Romero served as Senior Assistant at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C., 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, San Martin, as interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Amatepec, Soyapango, as church planter in Chalatenango and as Appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church. The Reverend Atkins Romero is President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas, on the Board of Trustees of both Virginia Theological Seminary and General Theological Seminary, and is the Co-Chair of the Interfaith Advisory Council for Everytown for Gun Safety. The Reverend Atkins Romero is married to Elmer Romero and they have two sons and two daughters. The Rev. Atkins Romero enjoys watching baseball and soccer, all types of music, Latin American literature, writing poetry, swimming and hiking.



The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes *Associate Rector*

Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes has been serving Trinity Episcopal Church since July 1st, 2020. As the Associate Rector, she assists in liturgical duties and pastoral care, supports children's & family ministries, and serves as a liaison to many community engagement ministries. Prior to attending seminary, she was a bilingual education teacher and served as a lay minister at Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo. Rev. Luz has served this diocese and church in other capacities, such as a deputy to the General Convention, Commission on Hispanic Ministry member, and youth ministry liaison for The Episcopal Church Office of Youth Ministries. Rev. Luz is married to Thanh Montes, and they have one daughter and two dogs.

MEET the Clergy



The Reverend Dale Klitzke

Priest Associate

The Reverend Dale Klitzke and his wife of 56 years along with four children lived most of their lives in Tomah, a small town in Wisconsin. He was bi-vocational for the first fifteen years of his ministry. He has served in churches in Tomah and Menomonie, Wisconsin as well as in Aiken, SC and part time at Holy Spirit in Houston. The Klitzkes have been involved with the Order of St. Luke and diocesan and local youth work.

DIOCESAN STAFF CONNECTED TO TRINITY

The Reverend Charles Graves IV

Missioner for Houston Canterbury

Rev. Charles Graves IV is the Missioner for Houston Canterbury, which is the Episcopal college ministry serving the campuses of UH, TSU, HCC, SJC and UHD. A native of Maryland, Charles is a seventh-generation cradle Episcopalian. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hampton University and served as a community organizer, campaign manager and in a U.S. Senator's office on Capitol Hill before completing seminary at Yale Divinity School. Proficient in Spanish and Italian, he has also been a leader in multiple international missions, most notably as a published researcher in Ghana and as an Episcopal missionary serving refugees in Italy. Charles was ordained in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was also a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and he has been a member of Diocesan Executive Council in two dioceses. For fun, Charles enjoys exploring around the city, taking time off at the beach, traveling, learning languages and most importantly, seafood.



The Reverend Brad Sullivan

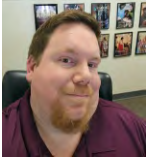
Vicar, Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church

Brad Sullivan is a husband, father, Episcopal Priest, singer-songwriter, and guitar player. He is serving as the vicar of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church and served in parish ministry for the previous 17 years. Through the parish and now at LOTS, Brad has found a love of working and ministering with people: those who are experiencing homelessness and those who are not. From college and campus ministry, through seminary, and into parish ministry, Brad was increasingly aware of the damage done by some theologies within the church: specifically, the "Believe in Jesus or to go Hell" theologies. Knowing people who turned away from the church and from God because they'd been lambasted by such theologies, Brad decided to address them head on, looking at scripture, reason, and even traditions within the church. His writing is geared toward everyday people, rather than academics, and he writes with humor, honesty, and a deep faith which includes doubt and uncertainty. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, and an ordained priest since 2005, Brad weaves seminary education seamlessly into ordinary life and experiences. He grew up in Houston, TX, went to college at U.T., Austin, worked for two years in campus ministry, and then went to Seminary, where he met his wife, Kristin. They have three children, Noah, Rhys, and Elise. <https://bradleysullivan.blogspot.com/> | <http://fathersnort.blogspot.com>



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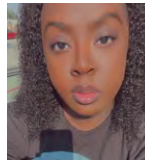
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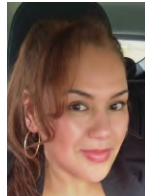
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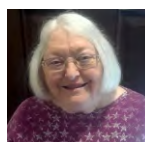
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THE VESTRY

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.



2023 Vestry

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
John Escoto, *Junior Warden*
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
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Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal
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1940 Vestry

ONGOING PROGRAMS

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

SUNDAY

Lord of the Streets	7:00 am
Lord of the Streets Breakfast	8:00 am
Nursery	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 am, Chapel
Catechesis of The Good Shepherd	9:30 am, Room 112 (Sept. – May)
ECC–Tweens	9:30 am, Room 207/Fellowship Hall (Sept. – May)
Adult Christian Formation/Sunday Forum	9:30 am, Smith Room
Meditations	9:00 am, Zoom
Holy Eucharist, Rite I or II	10:30 am, Church
Coffee Hour, Special Events	Occasionally
Holy Eucharist, Rite III	12:30 pm, Chapel
Oficio de Completas	8:00 pm, Zoom
Children’s Chapel	Summer

DAILY

Evening Prayer (Monday–Friday)	5:30 pm, Church/Zoom
Brown Bag Meal Distribution	5:45 pm

WEEKLY

Wednesday Healing Service	6:00 pm, Zoom
Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)	12:15 pm, Youth Room
Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday)	7:00 pm, Room 218
The Listening Post	TBD

MONTHLY

Sandwich Makers	1st Tuesdays, 10:00 am
	3rd Sundays, during Coffee Hour
Pub Theology	Last Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, (August–May except December)
	Mucky Duck
Garden Club	1st Fridays, (September–May), 10:00 am
Women’s Circle	2nd Tuesdays starting September 12th <i>check calendar for exceptions</i>



CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

AUGUST

- 05 Evening Prayer Training 10am–11am
- 06 Transfiguration of our Lord
- 13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- 19 Episcopal Way Class 10am–Noon
- 20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
- 27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Blessing of the Backpacks) All Services

SEPTEMBER

- 03 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- 04 Labor Day (Holiday)
- 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Aloha Sunday)
- 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Recovery Sunday)
- 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Liturgical Ministry Training Day, Gulf Coast Blood Drive 9am–1pm)

OCTOBER

- 01 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- 07 Episcopal Way Class 10am–Noon
- 08 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Animal Blessing, 4pm–6pm)
- 14 Baptism Class 10am–Noon
- 15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
- 22 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Bishop's Visit, 2024 Annual Giving Kickoff)
- 29 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER

- 05 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints Day)
- 12 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (In-gathering)
- 19 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- 23-24 (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- 26 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Reign of Christ (Advent Wreath Making during Coffee Hour, Choral Evensong)

DECEMBER

- 02 Baptism Class 10am–Noon
- 03 First Sunday of Advent (Advent Wreath Making)
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent (St Nicholas Visit)
- 17 Third Sunday of Advent (Lessons and Carols, Christmas Dedication)
- 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Combined 11am Service, House Blessing Kits Ready to distribute, Christmas Eve Services 6:30pm & 10pm)
- 25 Christmas (11am Service)
- 31 First Sunday after Christmas (House Blessing kits, Combined 11am Service)

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org/events



CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

JANUARY

- 1-2 Holiday
- 07 First Sunday after Epiphany, (Baptism)
- 14 Second Sunday after Epiphany (MLK Day commemoration)
- 21 Third Sunday after Epiphany (Annual Meeting)
- 28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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FEBRUARY

- 04 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Vestry Commissioning)
- 11 Last Sunday after Epiphany (Evensong, Last Day of Souper Bowl of Caring)
- 13 Shrove Tuesday
- 14 Ash Wednesday (7am, Noon, 7pm Services)
- 19 First Sunday in Lent
- 25 Second Sunday in Lent



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sunday Forum

Most Sundays of the program year (Sept - June) from 9:30-10:15am in Smith Room, 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.

Sunday Meditations

Join us as we meet virtually to reflect on scripture and life, drawing wisdom and strength from each other. Drop in on any Sunday or become a “regular”! It is a great comfort to support each other during this challenging and uncertain time. Group meets via Zoom from 9am–9:30am. Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net

Pub Theology

Pub Theology, 7pm-8:30pm, last Wednesdays of the month through April, excluding December. Gather at Mucky Duck with social and theologically curious Trinitarians and friends. Check website for up-to-date information at trintymidtown.org

Aug. 30th

Sept. 27th

Oct. 25th

Nov. 29th

Jan. 31st

Feb. 28th

Mar. 20th (27th is Holy Week)

Apr. 24th

May 29th

Episcopal Way Classes

In order to become a full member at any Episcopal Church, one needs to be baptized, confirmed or received. Trinity normally has two visits per year from a diocesan bishop, who leads this process. The Episcopal Way is designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and what it means to be a member at Trinity.

While open to everyone, people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend The Episcopal Way, as well as those desiring to be baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church.

Register online or email Rev. Luz at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org

Episcopal Way classes will be offered August 19th and October 7th, 10am–Noon. Additional courses will be provided and announced in the Spring.

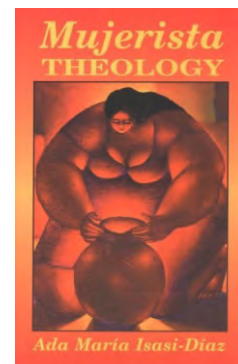
Book Studies

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
Zoom book discussion led by The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero.
Dates TBD



Mother of Mujerista (Womanist) Theology

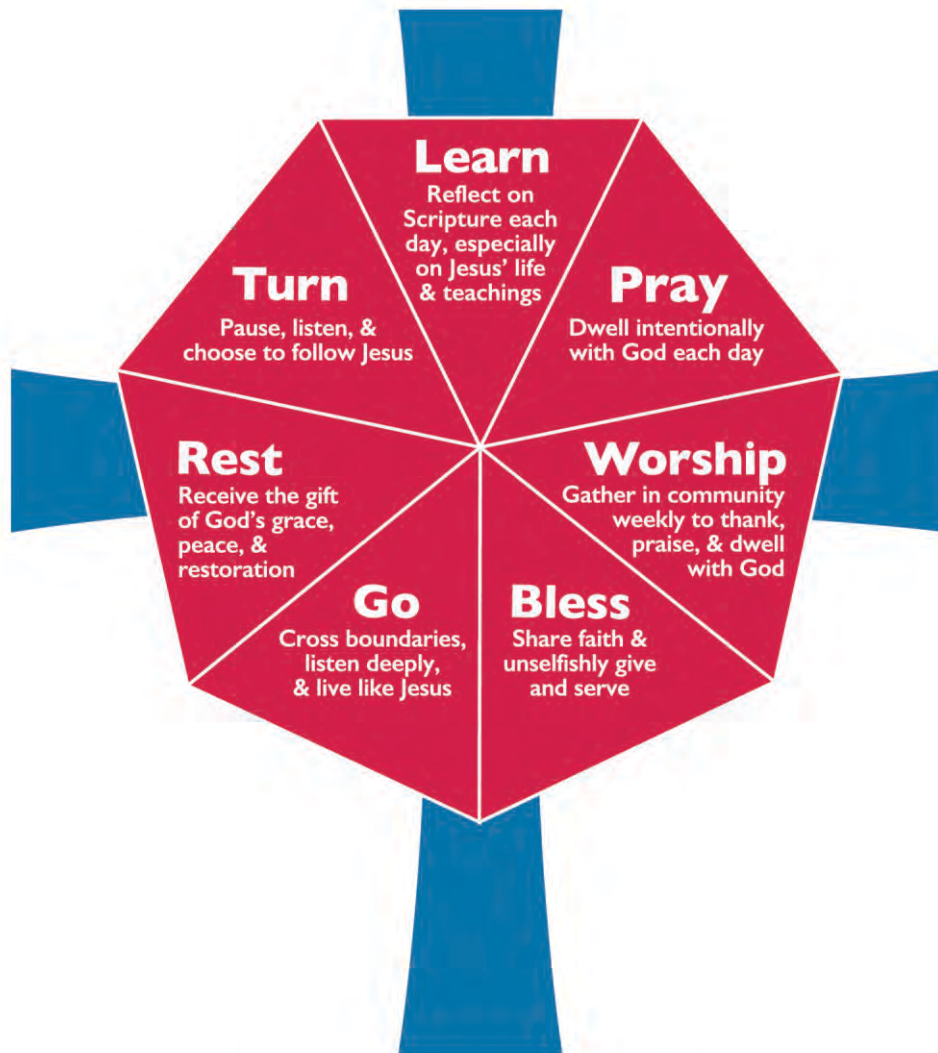
A book study on the Classic text from the Mother of Mujerista (Womanist) Theology. Led by the Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero.
Dates tbd.



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

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY WHERE YOU ARE

An Episcopal Resource for Individuals, Congregations & Communities
Seeking Racial Justice, Healing and Reconciliation



www.episcopalchurch.org/reconciliation
www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Beloved Community

The Episcopal Church's work toward racial reconciliation, healing and justice is guided by the long-term commitment to Becoming Beloved Community. We organize our ministries around the four quadrants of the labyrinth. Each quadrant represents a commitment that is vital to lasting change within us, our churches, our communities and society at large. Learn more about the four quadrants below and visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community/>

Truth-telling:

Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

Reconciliation, healing, and new life require telling the truth about The Episcopal Church's racial composition and complicity in systems of racial justice and injustice past and present.

Baptismal Promise: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Core Questions:

- What racial, cultural and ethnic groups are in our church? Who is in the communities around us? What's the difference?
- What racial, cultural and ethnic groups have historically and predominantly shaped our common life, leadership and worship? Why?
- How has our church excluded or embraced the presence and power of different racial, cultural and ethnic groups throughout history and to this day?

Proclamation:

Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

We gather to publicly reckon and share about the history and reality of race, and to proclaim our dream of Beloved Community through prayer, preaching, conversation and public witness.

Baptismal Promise: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Core Questions:

- How has our town/city/area participated in racial injustice or racial healing over time? What is happening today?
- What do we and our neighbors dream for Beloved Community?
- What behaviors and commitments would foster and proclaim Beloved Community?

Formation:

Practicing Jesus' Way of Healing Love

We are always practicing and being formed in Jesus' way of healing love, especially as he calls us to cross racial, cultural and ethnic lines, to examine structures of oppression and their impact on our own and others' lives, and to grow as ambassadors of reconciliation and healing in the world.

Baptismal Promise: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Core Questions:

- How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers?
- What activities, practices, learning and experiences would (trans)form us?
- How will we share and receive stories, grow relationship across dividing walls, and seek Christ in each other and in our neighbors?

Justice:

Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions

We participate in the repair and restoration of communities and institutions that struggle to flourish because of White dominant systems our churches and leaders helped to bless and build.

Baptismal Promise: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Core Questions:

- What social institutions and systems most clearly bear the signs of racial injustice and brokenness?
- How could we participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems?

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Group

Trinity is in the process of forming a men's group that will complement the women's ministry at Trinity. We started this group in Spring of 2023. We are in the early stages of development, so now is a great time to join us! We anticipate gatherings that will include scripture study, prayer, and service to our church and community. The members of the group will inform its direction, so join us and help us develop this new ministry at Trinity!

For more information, please contact Rev. Dale Klitzke at dale.klitzke@gmail.com.



TED (Trinity Episcopal Dads) Chats

TED Chats is a ministry where dads can meet to discuss their concerns about how the world is changing and how those changes affect our families, our mental health, and our spiritual daily life. Does this sound interesting? Then come join us for great conversation and fellowship.

Email John Escoto at jiescotojr@gmail.com for more information.

TED Chats
(Trinity Episcopal Dads)



ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sunday Morning Forum Topics

9:30am–10:15am in the Smith Room. Adult Forum Schedule check www.trinitymidtown.org for updates.

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09/10 Becoming Beloved Community
- 09/17 Bible Study on Sunday Scripture
- 09/24 Bible Study on Sunday Scripture

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/01 Mañana: Christian Theology from a Hispanic Perspective
- 10/08 St. Francis and Creation Care
- 10/15 Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the Twenty-first Century by Ada María Isasi-Díaz
- 10/22 Annual Giving Kick Off/Bishop Monterroso
- 10/29 The Gift of Gratitude, Sermon texts

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/05 The Communion of Saints, what is it?
- 11/12 Real Talk About Trinity Finances
- 11/19 Thanksgiving Sermons for Today
- 11/26 Anglican Women's Voices: International Day for Elimination of Gender-based Violence

DECEMBER 2023

- 12/03 St. Nicholas, the Good, the Bad, the Bishop
- 12/10 The Main Characters of Advent: Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist
- 12/17 International Nativities
- 12/24 Off
- 12/31 Off

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 Bible Study on Sunday Scripture
- 01/14 Bible Study on Sunday Scripture
- 01/21 Sermons That Make You Think AND Believe
- 01/28 Sermons That Make You Think AND Believe, Wear Orange Sunday

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Infants & Toddlers

The Church Nursery is available from 7:30am to 1:30pm on Sundays.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a children's Sunday school group for ages 3 through third grade. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday (date varies by year) from 9:30-11:15 am. We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach to spiritual formation. The class is led by a certified COGS teacher and additional volunteers as needed and meets in the Atrium. After the lesson, the children process into the church, receive a blessing, and return to their families. Drop-ins are welcome. Please see *Catechesis Calendar* page 22 for additional information.



Episcopal Children's Curriculum

ECC Tweens in a children's Sunday school group for 3-6 grade kids. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday from 9:30-10:15. We learn about the bible using a curriculum tied to the seasons of the church. There is often a craft or game as part of the class. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall with Rev. Luz. Please see tentative schedule on *Children's Education Calendar* page 21.



Christmas Come as You Are Pageant

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

Children's Chapel

Summer Programming: Children's Chapel meets the Sunday after Trinity Sunday through Sunday before Aloha Sunday. It is for children aged three through fifth grade and begins before the reading of the Gospel during the sequence hymn when the children process out behind the cross for a lesson and return to their parents after the passing of the Peace and before the Blessing of the Children.

Safeguarding God's Children

Trinity Episcopal Church does not take the care of your children lightly. To work with children, our clergy, teachers, and anyone who works around children, are required to take a course called "Safeguarding God's Children." This program is focused on preventing the abuse of children and young people.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Join Trinity Midtown Families Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390093701917914>



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Fall 2023 Events by Date

- 08/27 Blessing of the Backpacks, All Services
- 09/03 Last Children's Chapel
- 09/10 Aloha Sunday
- 09/24 Blood Drive
- 10/08 Blessing of the Animals, 4 pm-6 pm, St. Francis Street Lawn
- 10/14 Baptism Class, 10 am- 12 pm, Smith Room
- 10/22 The Bishop is coming!
- 11/05 Baptisms
- 11/26 Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am-10:15 am, Fellowship Hall
Reign of Christ, Evensong, 5:30pm, Historic Church
- 12/02 Baptism Class, 10 am-12 pm, Smith Room
- 12/03 Catch-Up Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am- 10:15 am, Fellowship Hall
- 12/10 St. Nick at Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 12/24 Come as You Are Pageant and Rite II, 6:30 pm, Historic Church
Children start gathering at 5:30 pm, Room 207
- 01/07 Baptisms
- 02/11 Evensong, 5:30 pm, Historic Church
- 02/13 Shrove Tuesday, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall



*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*



ECC TWEENS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09/10 Aloha Sunday, Education Hour begins for all, *Stories*
- 09/17 16th Sunday after Pentecost, *Amos*
- 09/24 17th Sunday after Pentecost, *Isaiah*

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/01 18th Sunday after Pentecost, *Daniel*
- 10/08 19th Sunday after Pentecost, *Elijah*
- 10/15 20th Sunday after Pentecost, *Jeremiah*
- 10/22 Bishop Monterroso Visit, No Sunday School
- 10/29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, *Esther*

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/05 All Saints' Sunday, *All Saints: Servants of God*
- 11/12 24th Sunday after Pentecost, *Jonah*
- 11/19 25th Sunday after Pentecost
- 11/26 The Last Sunday after Pentecost

DECEMBER 2023

- 12/03 Advent Wreath Making, No Sunday School
- 12/10 Second Sunday of Advent, *Advent*
- 12/17 Third Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent, No Sunday School
- 12/31 First Sunday after Christmas, No Sunday School

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 First Sunday after Epiphany, *Epiphany*
- 01/14 Second Sunday after Epiphany, *People in Community*
- 01/21 Annual Meeting, No Sunday School
- 01/28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/04 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- 02/11 Last Sunday after Epiphany
- 02/18 First Sunday in Lent, *Lent*
- 02/25 Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 2024

- 03/03 Third Sunday in Lent
- 03/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 03/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent, *Jesus' Last Week*
- 03/24 Palm Sunday, No Sunday School
- 03/31 Easter, No Sunday School

APRIL 2024

- 04/07 Second Sunday of Easter, *Christ is Risen*
- 04/14 Third Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*
- 04/21 Fourth Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*
- 04/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*

MAY 2024

- 05/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter, *Ascension*
- 05/12 Seventh Sunday of Easter
- 05/19 Pentecost Sunday, *Pentecost*
- 05/26 Trinity Sunday, Sunday School ends until Fall

JUNE 2024

- 06/02 No Sunday School, Children's Chapel begins
- 06/09 Third Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel



CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09/03 14 Pentecost
- 09/10 15 Pentecost, Me, myself and I in relation with God
- 09/17 16 Pentecost, The Trinitarian God, Rite of Baptism for Children, Order of the Mass, Baptized “in the name of...
- 09/24 17 Pentecost, The Economy of Salvation (Salvation History)

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/01 18 Pentecost, The Life of Jesus Christ (Incarnation & Paschal Mystery)
- 10/08 19 Pentecost, The Teaching of Jesus Christ
- 10/15 20 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/22 21 Pentecost, No Sunday School
- 10/29 22 Pentecost, The Church

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/05 All Saints' Sunday, The Liturgical / Sacramental Life of the church
- 11/12 24 Pentecost, Christian Morality / Catholic Social Justice Teaching
- 11/19 25 Pentecost, The Reign of Christ, Prayer
- 11/26 Last Pentecost, Education for Community Life

DECEMBER 2023

- 12/03 1 Advent A, No Sunday School
- 12/10 2 Advent A, Infancy Narratives: -The Annunciation to Mary:-The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- 12/17 3 Advent A, Infancy Narratives:The Birth of Jesus & The Adoration of the Shepherds
- 12/24 4 Advent A, Proper II, No Sunday School
- 12/31 The Holy Name, No Sunday School

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 1 Epiphany A, Baptism of Our Lord, Adoration of the Magi

- 01/14 2 Epiphany A, The Presentation in the Temple
- 01/21 3 Epiphany A, No Sunday School
- 01/28 4 Epiphany A, No Sunday School

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/04 5 Epiphany A, The Kingdom of God: Kingdom Parables - The Mustard Seed/Found Treasure
- 02/11 Last Sunday after Epiphany, The Kingdom of God: Kingdom Parables - The Merchant and The Pearl of Great Value
- 02/18 1 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Yeast
- 02/25 2 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Hidden Treasure

MARCH 2024

- 03/03 3 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Growing Seed
- 03/10 4 Lent, The Good Shepherd-The Good Shepherd
- 03/17 5 Lent, The Good Shepherd-The Found Sheep
- 03/24 Palm Sunday, The Good Shepherd:- Psalm 23: Verse I
- 03/31 Easter, No Sunday School

APRIL 2024

- 04/07 2 Easter, No Sunday School
- 04/14 3 Easter, The Good Shepherd: Psalm 23: Verse 1-4
- 04/21 4 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Mystery of Life and Death, The Grain of Wheat
- 04/28 5 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Cenacle

MAY 2024

- 05/05 6 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The City of Jerusalem
- 05/12 7 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Empty Tomb
- 05/19 Pentecost, Baptism: -Baptism I: The Light and the White Garment
- 05/26 Trinity Sunday, Baptism:-Baptism II: The Water, The Word, The Oils

JUNE 2024

- 06/02 2 Pentecost, Baptism:-Baptism III: The Gestures

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trinity's Youth Program is for those entering 6th-12th grade. Youth Participate in fellowship events at the church and in the community, have educational events, and share in a service project on a rotating basis. Youth also participate in special events at the church throughout the year. Youth take part in Diocesan mission trips, camps, and other activities. Youth also participate in events that partner with nearby church youth groups. The youth have shared meeting space above the kitchen featuring air hockey, a pool table, Ping-Pong, and comfortable spaces to congregate.

Trinity youth group is always looking for adults to volunteer! Please reach out if this is something that interests you! We would welcome any and all support!





YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Forum

Youth Forum is a youth Sunday school group for grades 6-12. It begins September 11 and runs through December 18. The youth will meet in the Youth Room as able.

Community Service Credit Hours

Trinity offers various opportunities throughout the year for community service hours, including monthly Sandwich Makers gatherings.

Youth Ministry Fall 2023 Calendar

October 8 Pet Blessing, 4:00–6:00pm

Youth are encouraged to help greet parishioners, community members, and help with the overall event.

November 2023 Winter Clothing Drive

Youth will engage with Trinity parishioners to help organize a clothing drive. This event will start at the beginning of November and will run the entire month. All donations will be given to homeless youth at Covenant House Texas.

December 10 Christmas Cookie & Card Making

All Trinity members will have a fun time creating Christmas cookies with different types of frosting, sprinkles, and other Christmas edible decor. Additionally, we will make Christmas cards for Interfaith Ministries and Covenant House.

Diocesan Events

Happening is a diocesan youth event that helps youth develop and nourish a teen's faith in Christ. Please check epicenter.org for more information.

Happening #177

September 29–October 1, 2023, at Camp Allen

Happening #178

November 3–5, 2023, at Camp Allen

Save the Date

Missionpalooza 2024

second week of July!

National Acolyte Festival

October 2024
Columbus Day Weekend
Washington, D.C.

Become An Acolyte!

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity with the 10:30 am 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).

Contact Mary Cloud at cloudmaryh@gmail.com to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Trinity Choir, 10:30am

The Trinity Choir is an essential part of Parish Life at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Choir consists of mostly volunteer singers alongside a small group of professional staff singers. The Choir plays a hugely important role in the leading of worship during the 10:30am Sunday Service. The Choir typically

sings for 11 months of the year, with a 4 week break during the summer. We sing a wide variety of music throughout the year ranging from Renaissance polyphony, to newly commissioned works, spirituals and more. The music is carefully tailored to suit each Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and is offered to the Glory of God and as a ministry to the wider Parish community. The

Music Ministry takes great pride in fostering a spirit of welcoming and inclusion, and is pleased to have members who are representative of virtually all ages and walks of life. The Choir also sings for special extra liturgies throughout the year, including Christmas Eve, Holy Week & Easter during which there is a sung liturgy each day, and Choral Evensong on three occasions annually. This is a unique form of evening service devoted primarily to music and is one of the many amazing, special musical traditions of the Episcopal Church. Choir rehearsals occur every Wednesday during the Liturgical Year from 7-9pm, and on Sunday mornings from 9:30am. We are always looking for volunteers who are in search of a friendly group of like-minded singing and music enthusiasts to join us! You would be most welcome! No professional experience is required, but a basic level of musical literacy is helpful. If you would like to consider joining us, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Organist & Choirmaster, Alex Jones alexjonesorganist93@gmail.com.

Alex Jones

Organist and Choirmaster

Alex is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Houston where he studies with Prof. Daryl Robinson and holds a Graduate Teaching Fellowship in the Musicology division. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY holding a Masters Degree in Organ Performance & Literature from the studios of Edoardo Bellotti & Nathan Laube. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Organ Performance with Honors at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire studying under Henry Fairs & Daniel Moul.

He is currently the Organist & Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston and has previously served as Director of Music & Organist at St.

Louis Catholic Church in Memphis, TN and First United Methodist Church in Florence, AL. He maintains an active career as a touring performing artist and has given performances in numerous venues in the US and Europe including the Hauptkirche St. Petri in Hamburg, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, NY, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and as a theatre organist in venues including the Riviera Theatre, New York, the Tampa Theatre, Florida, the Dickinson Theatre, Delaware and Barnum Hall in Los Angeles. He has also appeared as a featured artist at the 2018 & 2019 American Theatre Organ Society National Conventions and is a published author having contributed to the 2018 Convention Journal of the Organ Historical Society. Alex also has a keen passion and interest in organ design and consultancy and has worked with numerous organ-building firms in Europe and the US.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Wendy Wentland
Staff Musician, 8am

Wendy began playing piano at age 5, concurrent organ studies at 13. She played her first church service at 14. Wendy studied college level piano at Hartt College of Music, U. of Hartford, CT. She was a high school music club accompanist and scholarship winner. She double majored as an undergraduate in Church Music/Organ and Education, Concordia University, Chicago; University Accompanist touring and recording choirs, Dir. Madrigal Singers. Her graduate Level Organ Performance and Choral Conducting includes U. of Texas, Austin; Hartt College of Music, U. of Hartford, CT; Wagner College, Staten Island, NY; Rice University, Houston.

She has held positions as Organist/Choirmaster at Hope Lutheran Church, Austin, TX; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New Britain, CT; University Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IN; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Conshohocken, PA; St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Denver, CO; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Emerita, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston.

Wendy's professional Choral Positions include Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, CT; Cathedral Concert Choir, St. John's in the Wilderness Episcopal Cathedral, Denver, Co; Houston Chamber Choir inaugural singer and Assistant Director, and Temple Beth Israel (Reformed), Houston.

Finally, Wendy has held college faculty positions at Concordia College, Austin, TX; Moores School of Music, U. of Houston; University of St. Thomas, Houston.

Music Ministry Calendar

July 9–August 6	Choir Vacation
November 26	Choral Evensong (Christ the King), 5:30 pm
December 17	Service of Lessons & Carols (Advent III)
December 31	First Sunday after Christmas
February 11	Choral Evensong (Last Sunday after Epiphany), 5:30 pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday, Two services at 12 noon and 7:00 pm

MUSIC MINISTRY



Trinity Jazz Ensemble, 12:30pm

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

Pictured (left to right): Pelayo Parlade, piano, April Sloan-Hubert, vocals, Ernesto Vega, flute/clarinet, and Alfred Kennedy, bass.



April Sloan-Hubert

Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Grew up in a home filled with classical, jazz, blues, R&B and gospel. The youngest of five children, she soon discovered that she had been blessed with her Grandmother's and Mother's gift of song. Her first musical teeth were cut while a member of the family's singing group. Her love of music began to grow even more with her first trip to the Houston Grand Opera. The beautiful lyric, spinto and dramatic soprano voices and gorgeous costumes were heavily embedded in her being. After graduating from Galena Park High School, she matriculated to Texas Southern University further developing her craft. While at TSU, she would become the student of Ruth Stewart and blossomed as a member of the University Opera Workshop and Concert Choir. Both of the aforementioned organizations highly required hours upon hours of study, rehearsals and travel.

After graduating from Texas Southern University, April began her teaching career in HISD and currently in her home district of Galena Park ISD. She later joined the Houston Ebony Opera Guild, main stage artist at the Ensemble Theatre and currently lead vocalist and director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble. April has toured the United States and Europe sharing her gift of song. April has been blessed to perform with such artist Yolanda Adams, Rev. James Cleveland, Kirk Whalum, Patti Labelle, Kurt Carr, V. Michael McKay, Donnie McClurkin and Kirk Franklin.

April is happiest on stage or in worship singing praises to God. April will tell any and everyone, "I owe all that I am and all that I have to my Mother and Grandmother for raising me in church and instilling in me the love of God and song." SELAH!



Pelayo Parlade

Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Born and raised in Spain, Pelayo came to Houston in 1995 as a music student. In 2001 he graduated from the University of Houston Moores School of Music with a B.A. in music theory. In 2005 he graduated from the University of North Texas with a M.M. in Jazz studies.

Pelayo has been an active pianist in the Houston scene since the late 90s, working solo and with a variety of bands and styles, mostly in the Jazz and the Latin scene.

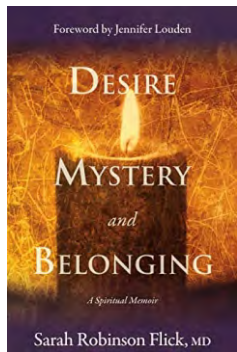
Since 2005 Pelayo has also been working as an accompanist for dance classes. Currently he is on staff in the University of Houston Dance Department and in the Houston Ballet academy.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Christmas Epiphany Retreat

Celebrated on Epiphany (January 6) in Ireland and elsewhere, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity at the end of the holiday season to celebrate with friends and to gather ourselves before diving into the responsibilities of the new year. This day invites us to pause, to rest, to reflect. In this spirit, Jan Richardson creates retreats that you are welcome to download and use, at no cost, either by yourself or with others. Please join us at Trinity on **Saturday, January 6, 2024**, from 9 am to 3 pm, as journey through *A Path Called Solace* by Jan Richardson. Learn more about Jan Richardson at <https://paintedprayerbook.com/> and her latest book, *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*.



Trinity Women's Circle

Women's Circle will begin again September 12th and meet on 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 11am to noon. We will begin with a several week discussion of Dr. Sarah Flick's book, *Desire Mystery and Belonging*

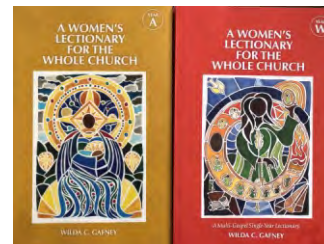
Reproductive Freedom Congregation

Dates TBD. Contact Marcy Antiuk at marty301.ma@gmail.com to find out more and help coordinate.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, which run from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, to Human Rights Day on 10 December, has been supported by the Anglican Communion Office (ACO) through an awareness campaign on social media with videos and posts on the facts about gender-based violence.



..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 Service

Members of Trinity who cannot attend in-person services for various reasons gather weekly for a virtual healing service. This virtual service consists of a Litany of Healing, special prayers and is open to all. Members gather over Zoom on Wednesdays at 6 pm and occasionally include an in-person option. For Zoom information, please email associaterector@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to Trinity members interested in praying when requests are received. These requests for our Trinity family, as an example, could be for the sick, for 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 Norma Cooper who sends out a request via email to team members who pray individually. Prayer intentions are held in confidence by team members.

Contact: Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.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. Team meets second Tuesday every month on Zoom, 5–6pm. Contact: Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero rector@trinitymidtown.org



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



PASTORAL CARE



Prayer Shawl

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. For information, contact Alice Powell at lilalice@sbcglobal.net.



Knitting Group at Trinity Episcopal Church

Calling all knitters and crocheters both pros and those eager to learn. There is a renewed group starting at Trinity. We have interest in getting together to knit or crochet prayer shawls or comfort blankets to either be used in church or to be given as needed to those experiencing difficulties. Thanks to those who have done this in the past there is a supply there, and some of us would like to contribute to it. If you have any interest in helping or joining us please contact Linda Klitzke at Klitzke.linda@yahoo.com 715-505-2923 or jbravoalegria@gmail.com (Javiera) 832-453-8227.

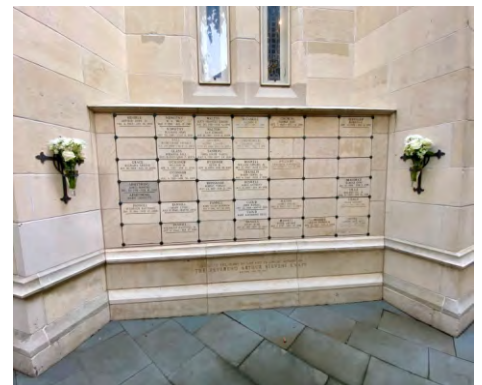
Dates coming soon!

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 trained spiritual directors: Sarah Flick sarahflick2009@gmail.com or Bob Flick 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 cloudmaryh@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There a wide variety of opportunities- here you can find a list of those we have an immediate relationship with meaning we have a designated Trinity liaison to this organization.



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.



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 Samantha Rainman at srainman919@comcast.net.



Blood Drives

Sometimes, deciding how to best support our immediate communities is hard, so we have teamed up with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to provide another meaningful giving opportunity. Trinity is committed to hosting three-yearly blood drives through Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers. Our Spring Blood Drive is September 24, 9am-1pm. or more information, contact Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Book Drives for Harris County Psychiatric Center

During Advent and as requested by Chaplain Dawn, we collect new and gently used books and board games for the patients at the Harris County Psychiatric Center. About UTHealth Harris County Psychiatric Center: UTHealth Harris County Psychiatric Center is the largest provider of inpatient psychiatric care in Houston, providing compassionate, patient-centered care to 9,000 patients yearly, including adults, adolescents, and children.



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. The Emergency Aid Coalition 40th Anniversary Gala will be held Saturday, March 18th, 6:30pm, at the Junior League of Houston (1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, TX 77027). Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net



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 Christian Bearup at christianbearup@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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.



Gay Pride + Festival

We are a proud LGBTQIA-affirming congregation. For additional information, contact Andy Durham at andy.durham.321@gmail.com.



Houston Canterbury

Houston Canterbury is the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' college campus ministry, serving the public colleges and universities across Houston and throughout Harris County. For additional information, contact Barrett Hess at gentleorbits@gmail.com



Kids' Meals Inc.

Preschool-aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. Kids' Meals Inc. addresses the hunger and food insecurity for children ages five and under who are not only at a critical developmental stage but cannot access school-based free meal programs. They deliver approximately 4,600 healthy meals each weekday to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. We have committed to joining their Summer Juice Box Challenge and encourage you to participate by either donating in-person or online during the Summer months.



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. Contact: Ann McCoy ann.mccoy@att.net

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Lord of the Streets–Lay Ministers

Every Sunday at 7:00 am the Lord of the Streets lay ministers welcome more than 150 of our homeless and under-served neighbors for Eucharistic worship.

Volunteers from Trinity and other parishes and organizations, as well as members of the LOTS community, assist in all aspects of this unique service, led by LOTS Vicar, Fr. Brad Sullivan. We serve as altar guild, greeters, and ushers; collect the offering; assist in the Eucharist; and hear personal prayers. Volunteers also offer kindness and respect to everyone who attends.

Many parishes support the teams that provide the breakfast that follows worship, but the team of lay ministers is composed of regular weekly or monthly volunteers. For information about volunteering at LOTS Sunday worship, contact:

Fr Brad Sullivan: bsullivan@lordofthestreets.org
or Lindadavenport421@yahoo.com.

You are welcome to visit any Sunday.



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 and Donald Hackler at hackler.donald@yahoo.com.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us Sunday, February 11, 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!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are a wider variety of opportunities. Here you can find a list of organizations that we support and whose missions we support and help on an “as needed basis.” Visit the websites of the organizations listed below to give your time, talents and treasure to.



AMMPARO Migrant Children

Trinity officially became a Welcoming Congregation in Summer 2019.

In obedience to Matthew 25:35, Welcoming Congregations agree to welcome migrant children and families, listen to their stories with respect to receive the divine blessings that they bring, pray for and share the gospel, provide emotional and spiritual support, accompany migrants to access local and institutional services as needed and advocate for justice for and with migrant families and children. For additional information, please visit <https://www.elca.org/ammparo>

We agree to these four commitments:

- spiritually and pastorally accompany migrants in our community congregation;
- physically accompany migrants as needed to medical, legal and pastoral resources;
- pray for the children and families; and
- prayerfully consider participation in ELCA advocacy.



Casa Mateo | Coming in 2024

Casa Mateo welcomes displaced immigrants and asylum seekers by offering hope, hospitality and support services in an effort to promote self-sufficiency. Their goal is to create a shelter where vulnerable people who lack access to housing and basic necessities can resolve their immediate crises and begin rebuilding their lives.

Upon its opening in early 2024, Casa Mateo will provide shelter to accommodate up to 10 families, or 50 individuals, for up to 90 days. During their stay, Casa Mateo will provide these families the needed help to create a foundation for success and sustainability in a new country. Services will include access to health care, counseling, legal assistance, and ESL classes. Additionally, Casa Mateo will work to help families find permanent housing and assist with school enrollment. Casa Mateo will have the ability to shelter and serve over 200 family members a year with space and plans to grow.

Through generous gifts from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Christ Church Cathedral, and other donors, Casa Mateo has a campus and initial funds to begin the development of this much-needed shelter. We are actively seeking partners to help fulfill our mission. Over the course of the next year, our Board of Directors and other volunteers will be working to raise money to complete the space, hire staff and begin operations. For more information, please contact info@casamateo.org.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Center for the Healing of Racism

Learn how to remove racial stereotypes from your life with help from our non-profit organization based in Houston, Texas. The Center for Healing Racism recognizes and acknowledges the essential oneness of the human race. The purpose and goals of our non-profit organization is to see the United States and the world overcome their differences and racial stereotypes and find peace with one another. or additional information, please visit <https://www.centerhealingracism.org/>



CRECEN

CRECEN is a community-based institution that has been responding to the needs and aspirations of Central American and other immigrants in Houston Texas since 1984. Advocating for the rights, economic and social justice for all immigrants, CRECEN is a family-driven force for community empowerment and immigrant leadership in the US and transnationally.



Everytown for Gun Safety

Gun violence touches every town in America. For too long, life-saving laws have been thwarted by the gun lobby and by leaders who refuse to take common-sense steps that will save lives. But something is changing. Nearly 10 million mayors, moms, teachers, survivors, gun owners, students, and everyday Americans have come together to make their own communities safer. Everytown starts with you, and it starts in your neighborhood. By introducing evidence-based solutions in every town, we can end gun violence. Learn more by visiting <http://www.Everytown.org>



Foundation Cristosal

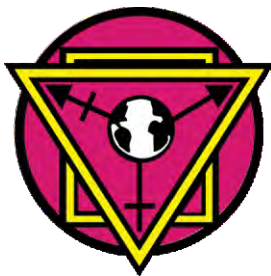
Foundation Cristosal is a faith-based human rights and community development organization with Anglican roots that works to strengthen the ability of the poor to act for justice and development as equal citizens in a democratic society. Our professional team works with local leaders to achieve development goals by defending human rights and empowering Salvadorans with the skills and resources to improve the quality of life in their communities. For more information please visit Cristosal.org. Contact Elmer Romero at elmerosalva@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Harris County Public Health

Harris County Public Health's (HCPH) mission is to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote well-being for everyone in Harris County by advancing equity, building partnerships, and establishing culturally responsive systems. HCPH's vision is for a Harris County where all people can achieve their full potential for health and well-being. HCPH will be hosting three workshops a year on health-related topics at Trinity. Contact the Epidemiology Program at Epidemiology_Program@phs.hctx.net for additional inquiries.



2023 Houston Unity Banquet

The Houston Transgender Unity Banquet is presented by the Houston Transgender Unity Committee (HTUC) and has become the largest Transgender Community event held in Houston each year. The Banquet raises money for scholarships, Houston Pride activities, Houston DOR, annual recognition awards, and small grants. The 2023 Banquet will be Saturday September 16, 2023
Information & tickets: <https://tfahouston.com/events/2023-unity-banquet-550-505/>



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. June 20-July 14, 2023. <http://jazzeducation.org>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Piano Lessons Midtown

Piano Lessons Midtown is a music academy offering piano lessons to students of all ages. To inquire, please contact Dr. Krume and Ashley Andreevski at pianolessonsmidtown@gmail.com.



Recovery Ministries

We support various organizations that support the ongoing work of addiction. We also offer a Recovery Sunday each September. For additional information, please contact Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero at rector@trinitymidtown.org.



Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) is a broad-based, national, interfaith movement that brings the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health, choice, rights and justice through education, prophetic witness, pastoral presence and advocacy. Learn more at <https://rcrc.org/>.



Tony's Place

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." For additional information, please visit tonysplace.org.



2023 Advent Season Calendar

11/26 Choral Evensong at 5:30pm,
Advent Wreath Making Fellowship Hall,
9:30am-10:15am and 11:45am-12:30pm

12/2 Baptism Class, 10am-12pm in Smith Room

12/3 First Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship
Hall 9:30am-10:15am and 11:45am-12:30pm

12/10 Second Sunday of Advent, St. Nicholas Visit at Coffee Hour

12/17 Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols and
Chrismon Tree Dedication at 10:30am service

12/20 Wednesday, Tidings of Comfort 6:00pm in Morrow Chapel

12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Traditional Service at 11:00am,
Epiphany House Blessing Kits Available

12/24 Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm Carols,
6:30 pm Rite II Choral Eucharist,
10:00 pm Carols, 10:30 Rite I Choral Eucharist

12/25 Christmas Day, 11am, Jazz/Gospel service

12/31 First Sunday After Christmas, 11am, Traditional Service
Epiphany House Blessing Kits Available

FACILITIES

Hogan Library

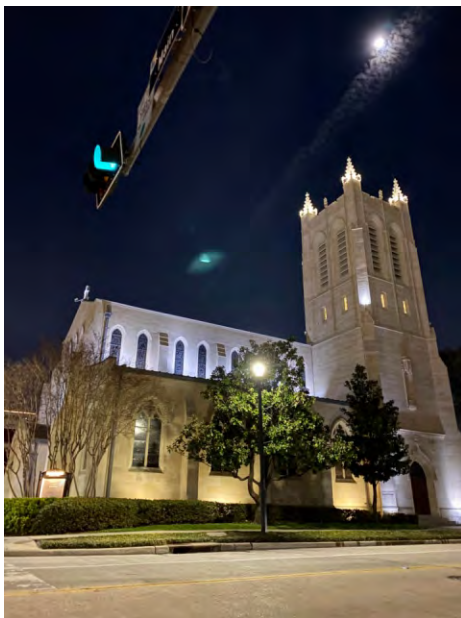
The library, officially named the Hogan Library at Trinity Church, was so named to honor Dr. Patrick G. Hogan and Mrs. Dorothy F. Hogan for their tireless work and support in acquiring books and other resources by Vestry Resolution dated October 6, 2002, and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 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.

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 jjescotojr@gmail.com.

Parking

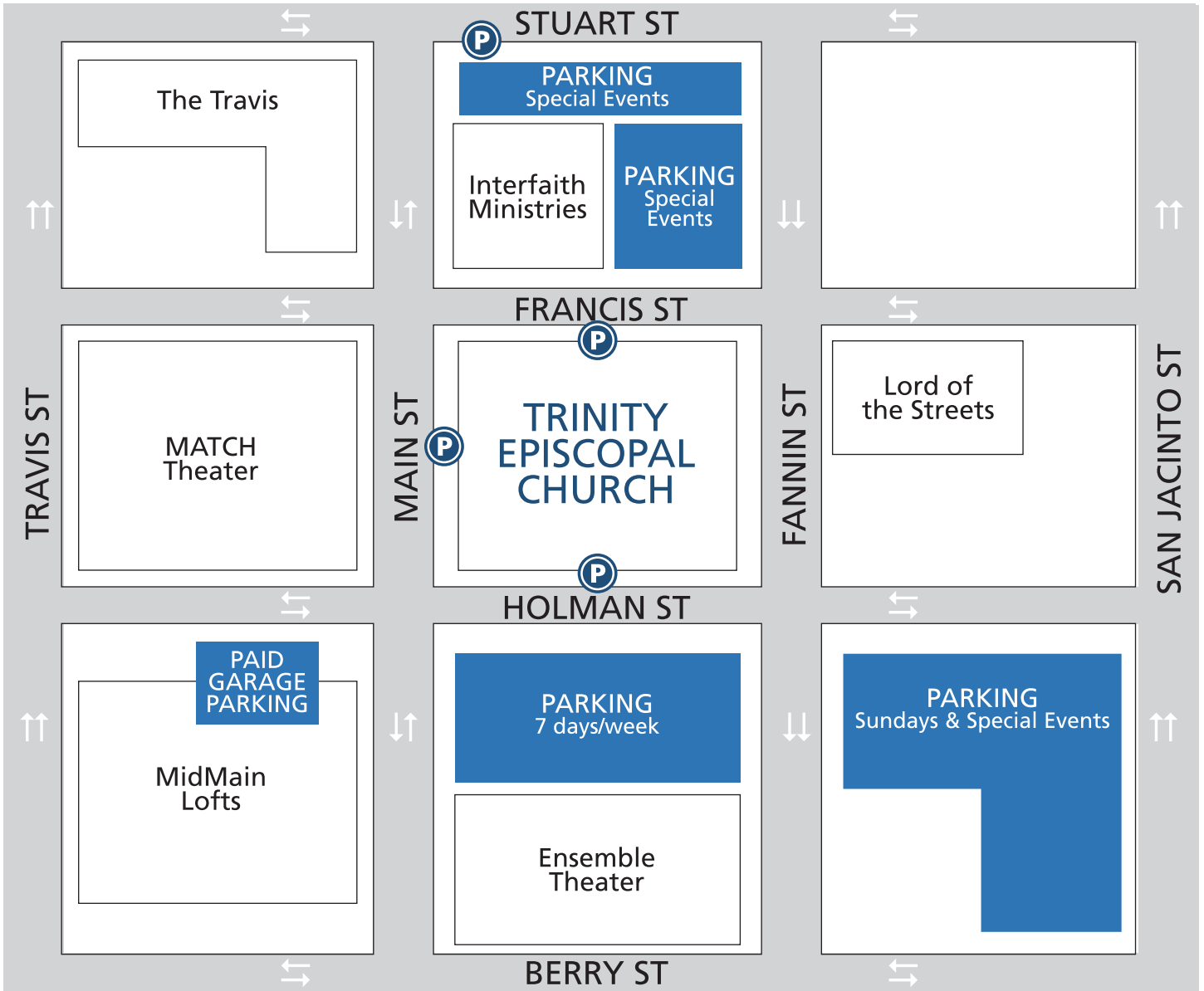
Trinity Parking lot at Holman street: Parking for Trinity Church is directly across the street from the Holman street Chapel Entrance, members and visitors may park along the fence during the work week as those spaces are specifically reserved for Trinity use and does not require payment from the parking meter. Please keep in mind that the parking lot is shared with others during the work week so please do not block anyone in while parking. For any other parking lot questions please contact the parking lot management company at Whitten Stuckey whitten@rhsint.com. Please see following page for parking map.



A History of Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston, became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

FACILITIES



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 1015 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004
 trinitymidtown.org

Street Parking

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 or Mark Goza 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 at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for 8:00am and 10:30am services and David Theis at david.theis@sbcglobal.net 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. Contact: Ryan Mire at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org and Pat Laubach at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Ushers & Greeters

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. 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 at danamgannon@gmail.com.



Zoom Healing Service

Members of Trinity who cannot attend in-person services for various reasons gather weekly for a virtual healing service. This virtual service consists of a Litany of Healing, special prayers and is open to all. Members gather over *Zoom* on Wednesdays at 6 pm and occasionally include an in-person option. For *Zoom* information, please email associaterector@trinitymidtown.org.



Vergers

The office of vergers has its roots in the earliest days of the Church's history. Generally speaking, vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship. Evidence indicates the existence of vergers as far back as the 16th century. Today, there are over 1,400 vergers serving all across the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the world. The vergers is a unique lay ministry of the Church largely exercised behind the scenes providing support for all those, ordained and lay, who participate in our worship. Vergers carry out their ministry in a quiet and unobtrusive manner and assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship. At the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, the vergers functions as a master of ceremony working under the direction of the Rector and ensures all assisting liturgical ministers are present and ready to serve by coordinating with the acolytes, choir, ushers, Altar Guild and clergy. The Vergers motto is Service in Worship and Worship through Service. Contact: Alex Bruton, alex.bruton2326@gmail.com

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 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)..

Contact Mary Cloud at cloudmaryh@gmail.com to learn more.



Audio Visual Operators

This team handles the sound and recording equipment in the main church. This includes the camera, console and microphones, both fixed and carried by individuals. Most services are recorded. At the 12:30 service and for Evening Prayer, volunteers are trained on our MEVO camera. Contact Ryan Mire at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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 Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNICATION

The Trinity 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

The Weekly Window

This weekly publication highlights upcoming events, communication from the Clergy and Vestry, and important parish information. For information contact Lauren Santerre at adminassistant@trinitymidtown.org.

Podcasts

www.trinitymidtown.org/podcasts/inner-city-spirit/

Social Media

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

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

[youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalChurch)

Trinity website: www.trinitymidtown.org

Trinity Calendar: <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/events/>

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. COVID-19 protocols in place until further notice ... please see website for current information. Contact: Judith Edgar 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 Jamie Chambers at jamielynnchambers@hotmail.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 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 Reverend Hannah at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Photography

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

Artists of Trinity

New Mexican Artist John Juanito Jimenez Retablo Art (Holman Gallery)

End of August through October 15th

Stewardship Parish Life Photo Exhibit (Holman Gallery)

Mid October to January

International Nativities Exhibit (Fellowship Hall Stage)

December through the Epiphany

Fritz Eichenberg: A Portfolio of Prints (Holman Gallery)

The Epiphany, January 6th to Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Retrospective Contemporary Stations of the Cross (Holman Gallery)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th through Good Friday, March 29th

2024 Easter Season Exhibit

Still to be determined

Permanent Rector exhibit, Easter Parish Photo Exhibits, and Chrismon

Exhibits in Fellowship Hall and Connections Hallway up year round. If you are interested in exhibiting your artwork, private collection, or have a friend who is interested, please contact The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins at rector@trinitymidtown.org



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



Labyrinth

We are excited to announce that Byron Walton will be overseeing an Eagle Scout Project to paint and seal a permanent Labyrinth on the fellowship Hall stage.

The labyrinth goes back 5,000 years or more. Beginning in the Middle Ages, Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a symbol, changing the design to imbue it with specifically Christian meaning. For almost a thousand years there has been an identifiable Christian labyrinth tradition. This movement reached its peak at Chartres Cathedral, in France, with the installation of an elegant labyrinth into the nave floor in 1201 during the construction of the magnificent new Gothic structure.

The labyrinth incorporates many levels of symbolism within its sacred geometry. Its circularity and concentric circles reflect the cosmos, atoms, and DNA. The geometry comprises the very principles of manifestation utilized by the Divine Hand in its creation of the physical universe. In our modern world we have lost

touch with our origins, our roots, even our true identity. The labyrinth is the bridge that connects us to these things, to a long-forgotten part of ourselves. That's why it touches people very deeply, often in a way they can't verbalize, as the context itself is ancient. *Credit: Written as a public service by Robert Ferré. The full article may be downloaded free at <http://www.labyrinth-enterprises.com>*



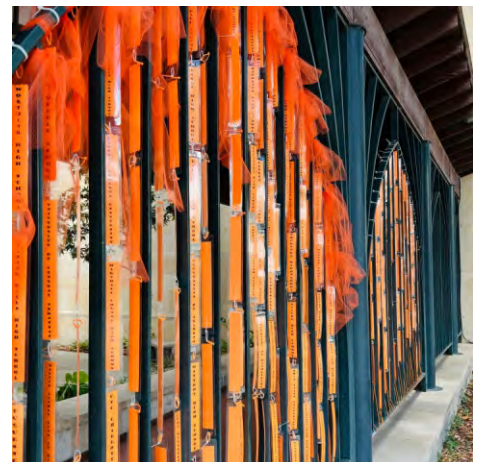
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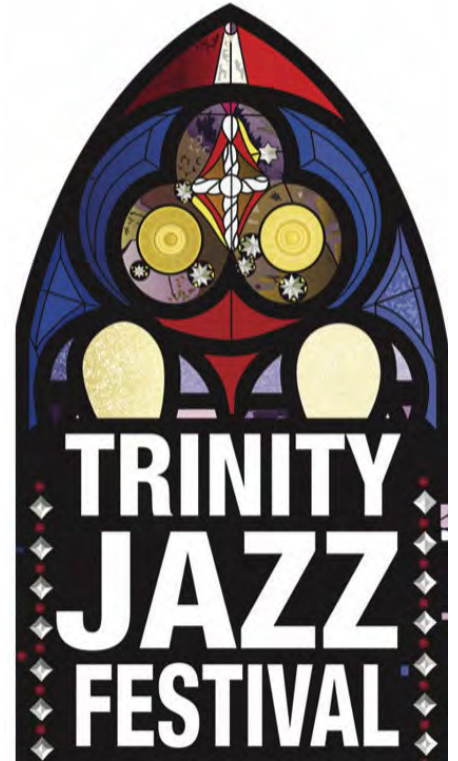
Wear Orange

Trinity participates in Wear Orange annually on the first weekend in June. This year we will explore participating in a national Guns into Garden Tool event.

<https://rawtools.org/>



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



Trinity Jazz Festival Returns July 2024

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.

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.

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 2024 Trinity Jazz Festival co-chairs: Michele White at michelereenee12@gmail.com or Ann McCoy at ann.mccoy@att.net to get involved.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Animal Blessing

Trinity's Blessing of the Animals is usually held around the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, which is October 4th. 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. This year, it will be held Sunday, October 8th, from 4pm -6pm. Contact: Shelby Bradley bearhawk75@gmail.com.



Aloha Sunday

Part back to school, part kick-off for the fall program season, Aloha Sunday is a fun day showcasing all the ministry opportunities at Trinity. Each ministry offers information and an opportunity to participate in a variety of liturgical, pastoral care, outreach and parish life ministries. Sunday, September 10, 2023.



Pub Theology

Pub Theology, 7pm-8:30pm, last Wednesdays of the month through April, excluding December, gather at Mucky Duck (2425 Norfolk St, Houston, TX 77098) with a rotating guest Trinity author speaking about their book/writing and other many other social and theologically curious Trinitarians and friends. Check website for up-to-date information at trintymidtown.org. Aug. 30th, Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, Nov. 29th, Jan. 31st, Feb. 28th, Mar. 20th (27th is Holy Week), Apr. 24th, May 29th

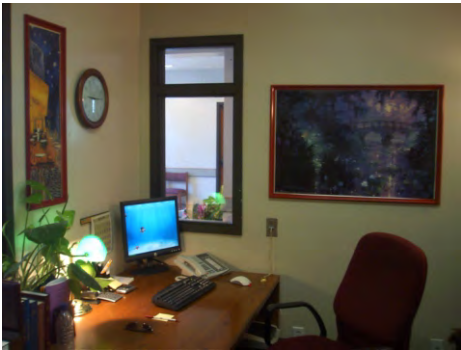


Taste of Trinity

Taste of Trinity is a group that meets for a meal. We currently have a dinner group and a brunch group. Its only goal is to give parishioners an opportunity to connect (or re-connect) and get to know one another better. Participants are assigned by household to a group and take turns hosting a meal.

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PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Volunteer Ministry

Parishioners assist in various 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



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. Temporarily suspended, check trinitymidtown.org for updates.



Listening Post

The Listening Post is an opportunity for people in the Midtown neighborhood to talk and be heard. For additional information, please contact Theresa McClellan at theresa@theresawriter.com.



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PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Archives

The Trinity Church Archives provides a safe place for the parish's historical documents and other artifacts. The archival collection includes service bulletins and newsletters dating 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. In 2014 the archives room was remodeled. To help protect the collection, a new HVAC system and dehumidifier were installed to keep the room at an ideal temperature (70°) and relative humidity (40%). Since then, many of the archival materials have been organized and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Much more needs to be done.

Garden Club

Organized in 1952, the Garden Club is the oldest active parish life ministry. Membership is open to all ages with the sole purpose of this club being 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. in the Smith Room or in members' homes. Workdays are scheduled on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the year. Dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. TGC has been known to offer special presentations for the enhancement of Church such as Kindness Day in November, a " Garden Party " themed coffee hour on Palm Sunday, and a self-guided tour of Church gardens, including refreshments, the first Sunday in May.

Members of the Garden Club 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, or Tony Huffman tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Tree with Chrismon Ornaments

The Garden Club oversees the decoration of the parish's Christmas Tree each year. Decorated with handmade ornaments with Christian symbols, called Crismons, it is lit each year on the fourth Sunday of Advent. The Crismons have been made by generations of Trinity parishioners. The early ones were beaded, and the recent ones have been done in needlepoint in gold, silver and white threads. Any parishioner can make and donate an ornament - you do not have to be a member of the Garden Club.

To encourage those who are novice stitchers, the church has a supply of the tools needed, with a simple design on canvas and a selection of threads, and experienced stitchers are available to assist you. We ask that you pay \$20 when you receive the materials, and the additional costs of finishing are estimated to be between \$10 and \$20. Experienced stitchers who would like to do something more challenging may go to Needle House in Rice Village for canvas, thread, and finishing.

Creating a crismon is a wonderful gift of your time, and creates a lasting heirloom of the many generations who have made Trinity what it is today. For more information on crismons, please contact Catherine Reed at ccread@swbell.net.

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 help you find your place in the life of our Church. We will be offering an intensive class weekend and an online course option with an in-person teacher follow-up meeting. 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. or speak to Hannah or Luz, 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



About the Episcopal Church

For more information and resources to learn about the Episcopal Church please visit the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and The Episcopal Church websites, both of which have amazing information.

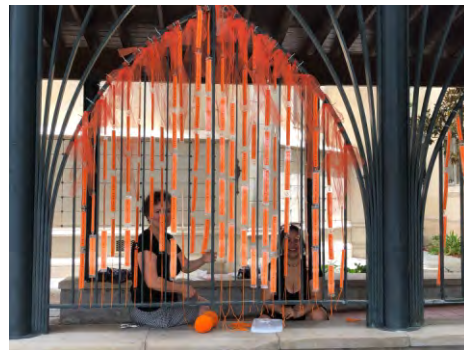
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Episcopal Diocese of Texas

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Episcopal Church

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



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 over 60 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: Saba Blanding at benandsaba@hotmail.com

Endowment Board Members:

Saba Blanding, Ken Snell, Mary Cloud, the Reverend Rhonda Rogers, Edgar Marston, Brad Beers, Sarah Frazier, Bob Davenport, Mark Goza, Steve Lee, Jackie Rose, Marilyn Dorries, Larry Dickerson, Alexander Obregon, the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Larry Laubach, Treasurer; the Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Vestry Stewardship Committee:

Andy Durham, Mary Matteucci, Gladys Vallés, Pam Lawson

Stewardship - Growing Spiritually Through Giving

Trinity's mission and ministries run on time and talent, powered by treasure. Christian stewardship calls upon us to faithfully manage all that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually. In doing so, we are empowered to extend Christ's unending and transforming love to others. Jesus said "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34), thus summing up the spiritual link between financial giving and God. The theme of our 2023 Annual Giving Campaign is "Grace in Action", in which we'll come together to learn how spiritually-focused financial stewardship can deepen our connection to God. The vestry is acting as stewardship committee this year.

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: The Reverend Rhonda Rogers at rrogers747@gmail.com



Save the DATE!

Episcopal Parish Network
39th Annual Conference, Houston
March 6 – 9, 2024
Westin Galleria and Westin Oaks

GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

Grace in Action

This year we will celebrate God's Grace in Action! We invite you to contribute and return to God that which God has provided to us as we continue to make God's presence real in the heart of Midtown. Our Annual Giving kickoff is October 22nd with a celebration including Bishop Monterroso; Ingathering will take place on Nov. 12th with a Grace in Action Diversity Potluck from 11:45am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 12:30 service will begin at 1pm that day.

How to Give

You can pledge and make donations online!

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or visit:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

Texting. Send the message heartofmidtown to 73256. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



Goals Include

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)



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

Hebrews 13:16

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY



This ministry helps guests and new members become fully assimilated into the Trinity Family. Contact Lauren Santerre at plc@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.

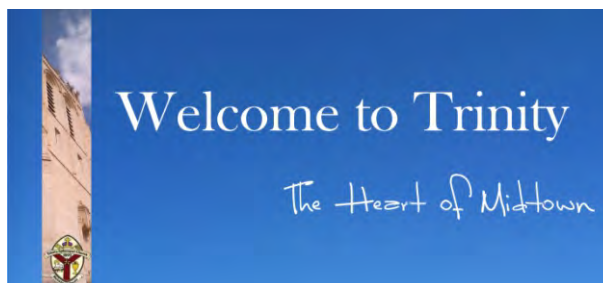
All meetings are at 11:45 am following the 10:30 am service:

October 15

November 12

January 14

February 18



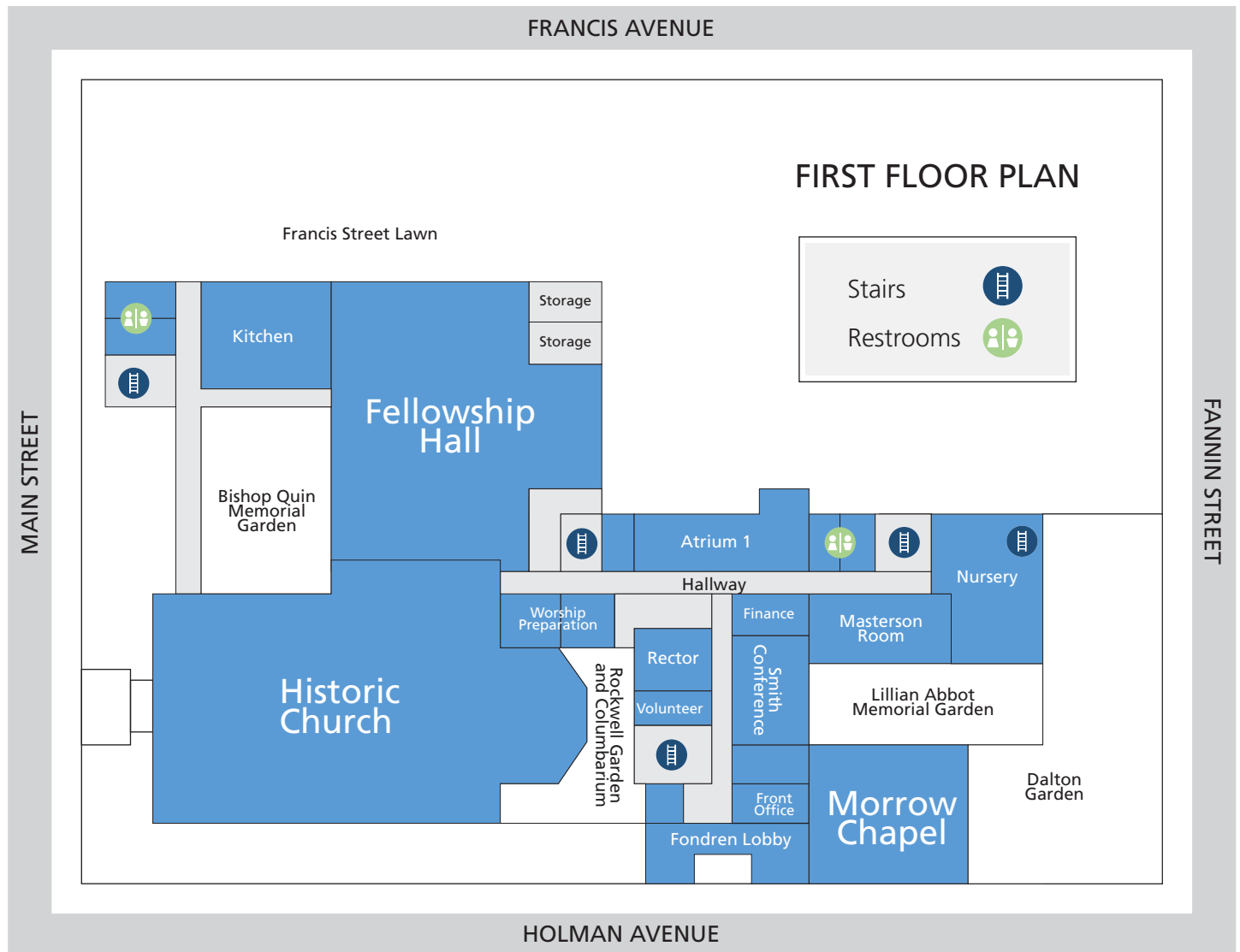
SPECIAL LITURGIES

Tidings of Comfort Service
(formerly known as Longest Night/Blue Christmas)
December 20th, 6 pm, Morrow Chapel

Choral Evensong
November 26th and February 11th
See calendar of events for dates and times



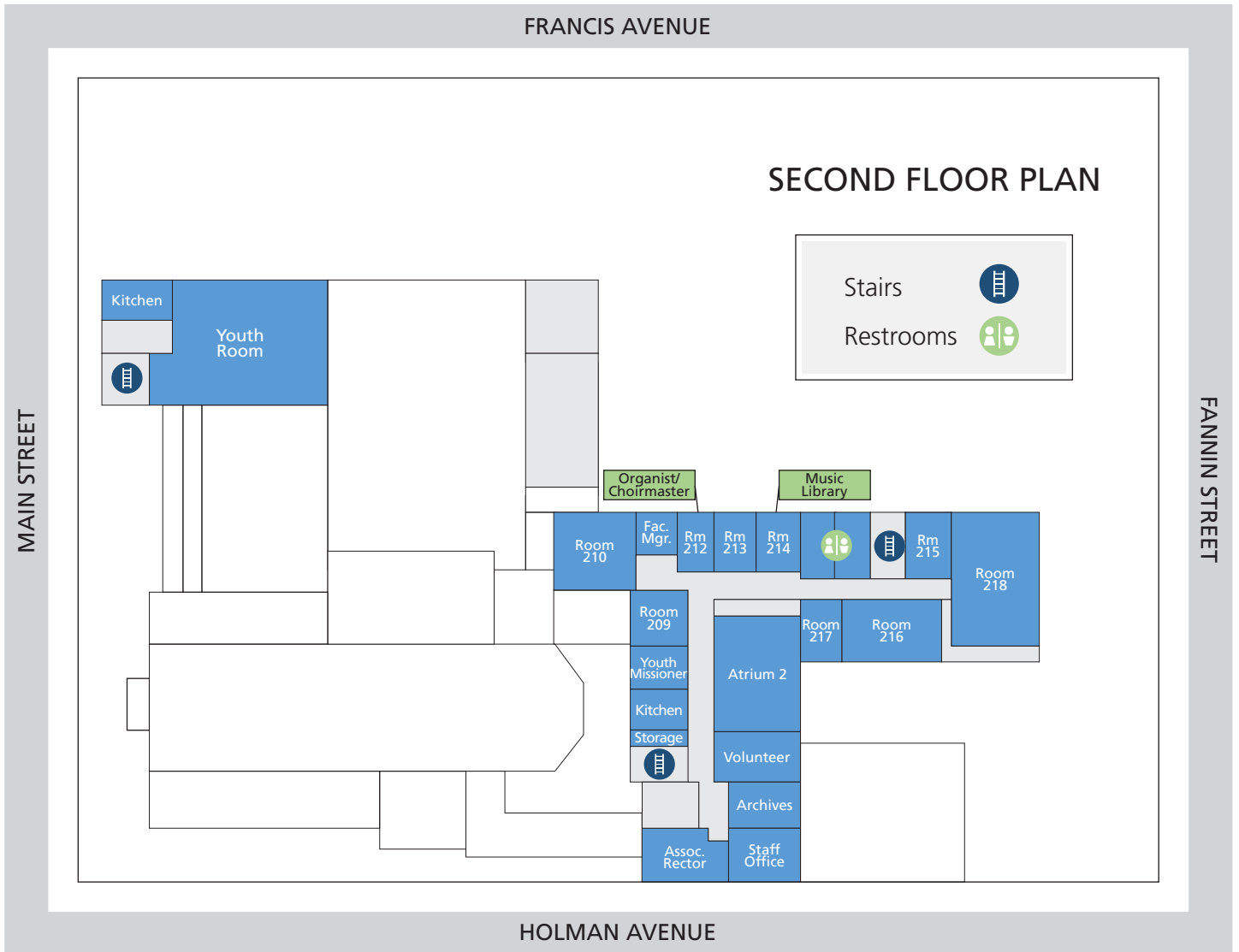
FACILITIES MAP



Facilities Use Requests

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 Parish Administrator Ryan Mire. Ryan will help you with the details of the use of rooms at Trinity. You may also email him directly at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

FACILITIES MAP



MISSION & VALUES



CORE VALUE 1

WORSHIP

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



CORE VALUE 3



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.

CORE VALUE 2

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.



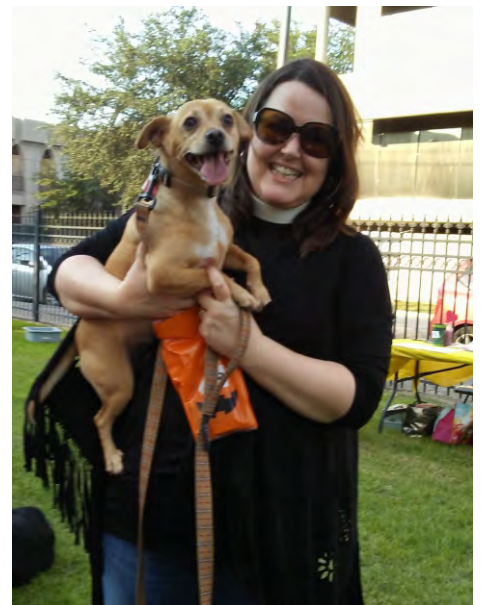




The Blessing of the Animals

October 8, 2023
4:00-6:00pm

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