



TRINITY MIDTOWN EPISCOPAL

# ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

JAN. 28TH, 2024

9:15AM

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# AGENDA

9:15 a.m.	Welcome	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
	Opening Prayer	The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate
	Election Procedures	Teddy Adams, Chancellor
	Presentation of Vestry and Council Delegate Candidates	Ann McCoy, Head Teller
9:30 a.m.	Balloting /Vote Children's Activities begin	Ushers and Election Committee Members
	Treasurer's Report	Larry Laubach
	Stewardship	Gladys Vallés
	Junior Warden Report	John Escoto
	Senior Warden's Report	Andy Durham
10:00 a. m.	Recognition of Outgoing Vestry	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero
	Rector's Report	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero
	Memorial to Deceased Communicants	Mary Cloud Alex Jones
	Closing Prayer	The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector
	Closing Hymn	#433 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

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

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!

# NEW MEMBERS 2023

## BAPTIZED

Don Goodell  
Caiden Hillier

## CONFIRMED

Javiera Beatriz Bravo-Alegria  
Lindsey Jo von Holten  
Jason Christopher Hruska  
Abigail Rose Swarengin

Benjamin Dennis Tallcott  
Jonathan Wayne Goodsell  
Don Richard Goodell

## RECEPTION

Andrea Leigh Horton  
Wendy L. Wentland  
Paul Ross Wilderman  
Andrea Scarpa Wilderman  
Kathleen Nelson Goodell

## REAFFIRMATION

Sylvia Gail Drew  
Stanley Ivon Tubbs, Jr.  
Randolph Jay Goswick

## TRANSFERRED IN 2023

Alejandro T. Montes

# VOTING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## Defined by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

### Section 2.2 Persons Eligible to Vote – Definitions of Confirmed Communicant and Communicant in Good Standing

Men and women at least 16 years of age, who are enrolled confirmed communicants in good standing of the Parish, are entitled to vote for members of the Vestry and upon all questions requiring the action of the Congregation, but none shall be admitted to serve as members of the Vestry except those who are at least 18 years of age. Voting may be by absentee ballot under such rules and regulations as may have been established at a prior Parish Meeting.

For the purpose of Title III.2.2, an enrolled communicant in good standing of a Parish is a communicant in good standing who is enrolled as such in the records of such Parish.

For purpose of the Canons, a confirmed communicant or confirmed communicant in good standing is a communicant or communicant in good standing who has been confirmed by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church or a Bishop of a Church in communion with the Episcopal Church or has been received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

For purpose of the Canons, a communicant in good standing is a communicant who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

PLEASE NOTE: If your name is not on the list of Active Members Eligible to Vote January 28, please contact Membership Secretary Carol Turley at [membership@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:membership@trinitymidtown.org) as soon as possible.

# Rector's Report

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero



*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.* (John 1:16)

*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness...*  
(2 Corinthians 12: 9)

In an address at the Trinity Institute the complexity of authority and ministry in the church was described as being, “like putting together a jigsaw puzzle while riding a roller coaster.” (John M. Allin, Address, Trinity Institute, April 22, 1975). What was true back then is still true today! Luckily, the puzzle we are putting together is a community centered on Christ, the final picture is a family portrait made of a thousand pieces of grace given by God and embodied by you. Blessedly, “From God’s fullness we have all received grace upon grace,” and God’s grace is sufficient for us. God’s power is made perfect in weakness.

This year has been one of faithfulness, stability, and continued transition back to beloved ministries. Please read through the descriptions written by ministry leaders that are full of examples of grace in action. Grace in Action is our stewardship theme for 2024. Stewardship is a continued area of growth for our leadership but even in our reality of being a smaller parish now after COVID, even in our weakness, the generosity of our congregation and friends is alive and well. From enhanced Evening Prayer, to hosting LOTS again, to the Men’s group, Women’s Circle, Listening Post, to Drag Me to Church and so much more, we see the fullness of God’s grace. We are full of good service; saturated with good friendships, and getting there in our finances. I want to thank all of you for the privilege to serve as your rector. Grace abounds with you all.

Amongst all the other service, truth-telling, and Christ-loving we do here; we raised up another young adult parishioner for the ordination process. Barret Hess is a postulant in the Diocese of Texas and will attend seminary in the fall of 2024. Additionally, I have served the Diocese of Texas as President of the Standing Committee and will be rotating off this February. I will continue my work on the boards of General Theological Seminary and Virginia Theological Seminary, an affiliation whose success has been navigated and proven in 2023. I have not yet finished my writing for the Doctor of Ministry from Sewanee but there will be a big announcement when I do, so just keep praying!

Looking forward we are blessed to begin a journey of discernment with Partners For Sacred Places. This will be the bulk of my address at this year’s Annual Meeting. Exciting times securing the future for Trinitarians in the centuries are coming!

I want to offer my gratitude and deep respect to our wonderful Senior Warden, Andy Durham, who has served for two years as a trusted confidant, sibling in faith, and colleague in ministry. I am so thankful to him for his willingness to continue to serve. Wholeheartedly, I want to thank the outgoing vestry members: Ben Blanding, John Escoto, Ann McCoy, and Michele White. Ben will continue as Clerk of the Vestry. Ann and Michele will continue the splendid work they have already begun as Co-chairs of the Trinity JazzFest Festival. We will hold the long-delayed 20<sup>th</sup> Trinity Jazz Festival in July 2024.

John Escoto has been Junior Warden at Trinity since Hurricane Harvey. He took the baton from Rhonda Rogers as she went off to seminary and a month later Hurricane Harvey hit. We sustained a lot of damage. John spearheaded the repairs with his perseverance and determination. His good nature and level-headedness in his dealing with so many projects reflected his innate leadership ability. I believe I hear Someone saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" I look forward to seeing how John relaxes!

Heartfelt thanks to the other dedicated members of the vestry as well: soon to be Junior Warden, Eric Beam; Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Teddy Adams, Chancellor; Dana Gannon, Assistant Chancellor; Samantha Rainman, Assistant Clerk; Pam Lawson, Mary Matteucci, John Merullo, Gladys Vallés, and David Villarreal.

Welcome to our new vestry members: Brent Chambers, Tony Huffman, Jeanne Sommerfeld, and Andrea Shiloh. I look forward to a fruitful three years together on the vestry team.

Last but not least, I want to thank the dedicated clergy and staff: The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes, The Rev. Dale Klitzke, Ryan Mire, Pat Laubach, Alex Jones, Lauren Santerre, Sam Jones, April Sloane Hubert, Pelayo Parlade, Ken Jones, Carol Turley, Rosa Gutierrez, and Kelly Mercer.

Grace and peace,



The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero



# Associate Rector's Report

## The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes



Dear Trinity family,

Reflecting on the past year, 2023, was truly a memorable year for our community! It marked a significant step forward, allowing us to reintroduce some special liturgies and events that brought us together in celebration. It was a year of loss, growth, and much love!

Working with Trinity clergy, staff, and volunteers brings me immense joy! I have collaborated with Rev. Hannah in worship, teaching, and preaching. And have been blessed by Rev. Dale's continued support and leadership. Below, I offer a glimpse into some remarkable moments showcasing God's abounding love through all we accomplished together.

We had a visit from Bishop Ryan in February and one from Bishop Monterroso in October. In preparation for these, we held four Episcopal Way classes throughout the year. These classes are open to all but especially encouraged for those new to the Episcopal Church. We had fruitful conversations with both newcomers and long-time Trinity parishioners. Since pausing our search for a youth missionary, I have worked with Eddie Basabe and George Zemanek to plan events for families and youth and lead Sunday School. The year's first event was the long-awaited return of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. And then, in March, not even the rain could keep us from having our Family Picnic, where we laughed and ate way too much! We joined Cathedral Youth for an outing in September and ended the year visiting the Houston Zoo in December with a few other youth-led activities. After many years of service in the nursery, Yolanda decided it was time to take some well-deserved time off. During this transition, we had help from a few different adults, but we still do not have a permanent person to help Erika, so some adjustments have had to be made. We are anxious and ready to hire someone to help fill this position. We ended 2023 with a beautiful pageant that included many stars, literally and figuratively; kids rocked it! Our weekly Healing Service continues to be well attended by Trinity parishioners and now expands to friends who otherwise cannot participate in our in-person services. We did try to transition this back to an in-person service with little interest, so we have decided to remain on Zoom.

One of the many reasons Trinity is known is for how they care for all! We support our neighbors and different organizations throughout the year. This Summer, we were contacted by Texas Children's Hospital for housing support for a young mom, and Trinity parishioners stepped up not only by providing housing but also by making sure the baby had gifts upon their discharge—just another example of how your love and financial contributions made an impact. In the Summer months, we collected over 1,000 juice boxes for Kids' Meals Inc. The youth also decided to continue supporting Covenant House, which provides shelter for homeless, abused, and abandoned youth. During Advent, they collected socks and underwear for this organization. We also continue our partnership with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers, hosting blood drives in our parking lot!

Our commitment to social justice has also allowed me to serve God and represent Trinity in other capacities. During the diocesan council, Rev. Hannah and I were elected to serve as deputies to the 81st General Convention, which will be held this summer in Louisville, KY. I served as a chaplain



in July and celebrated at the closing Eucharist of the Episcopal Youth Event in Baltimore. I was invited to preach and celebrate at the Seminary of the Southwest's Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Eucharist in September. In December, I wrote a reflection for their Advent Meditations and Prayers and ended the year participating in an episode of Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community, a podcast of the Episcopal Church.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes

## Senior Warden's Report

Andy Durham

Dear Trinity Community,

This is my second year to serve as your Sr. Warden. I continue to be moved with the commitment of the Trinity Community. In 2023 Trinity, through the Clergies' and your extraordinary efforts, has continued to resume ministries from their suspension during COVID and added more ministries. It is great and rewarding to see attendance increasing as we create a "new normal". This is always with the underlining appeal of Trinity that welcomes everyone and treats everyone with the respect that everyone created by God is entitled. I also continue to be amazed at all of the work for Trinity done by the Clergy, Staff and Volunteers. That dedication and commitment enables Trinity to have an impact far beyond its size to fulfill its Mission Statement: "Making God's Presence Real by Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love". It almost goes without saying that the above progress is highly attributable to the welcoming and inclusive efforts of our Rector, Hannah Akins Romero. Trinity is a place where all are welcome.

Trinity will face challenges in the next year. Presently we are adversely impacted by the street construction on Holman and later in the year it is expected that construction will start on the Trinity parking lot. This will be inconvenient which I hope does not deter you from attending services in person, though Trinity continues to provide live streaming of services. As you know Trinity has commenced a discernment process to move towards the future of Trinity. This includes determining how all of the assets of Trinity can best be utilized to fulfill its Mission Statement. It is anticipated that this process will continue through 2024 and perhaps into 2025 before decisions reflecting Trinity's Mission Statement can be made. The Vestry is committed to listening to and considering all viewpoints during this process. There will be multiple opportunities to express views including on the Trinity Website which will continue to report on the status of the process.

I look forward to working with all to continue to have Trinity as the welcoming and respectful place dear to all of us.

Peace to all,  
Andy Durham

# Junior Warden's Report

John Escoto



2023 was nothing short of another wonderful year of generosity given by many of our parishioners. Catherine Reed, one of the beautiful voices in trinity choir, made a generous donation that enabled us to replace the worn wood planks with brownstone tile in front and rear of the sanctuary. This created a more cohesive and finished look to the various areas of the main sanctuary. Another of our teenage parishioners, Bryon Walton, painted a Labyrinth in Fellowship Main Stage to achieve his Eagle Scout Rank. He also refurbished hand railings in need of painting.

We made various repairs to our kitchen equipment to restart our Sunday Morning breakfast service partnership with Lord of the Streets. We have served at least 125 individuals breakfast, a meal that they may not get otherwise, each week since the first Sunday after Easter.

As I submit my last Junior Warden report, I am incredibly grateful for the love and support the Trinity church community has given me. There were so many people to thank but I hesitate to name names as I may leave someone out. However, the knowledge and experience I've gained have been invaluable and will always be held close to my heart. The property committee meets once a month to discuss projects and maintenance issues regarding the church property. I appreciate the discussions and collaborations brought to our monthly meetings that helped guide and make good decisions for Trinity.

I have lots of love and respect for Larry Laubach and his never-ending commitment to Trinity. He has taught me what it means to be a good steward of Trinity's finances.

Special Thank you to Ryan Mire, who continues to keep things running smoothly throughout the church. His diligence and persistence are great assets to Trinity.

And I am forever grateful to Mother Hannah for spiritual support and belief in my decision-making for Trinity.

Submitted by:  
John Escoto

# Music at Trinity

## Alex Jones Organist/Choirmaster



"This year has been an exciting one for music at Trinity! We welcomed several new members of the choir and participated in the first new multi-parish Choral Evensong which was hosted at St. Thomas Church in Meyerland. This amazing event, organized by myself, Bryan Anderson, John Kirk and Renee Rybolt, represented the culmination of many months of careful planning and rehearsal. I, and the other music directors named above, wanted to create a collaborative opportunity for the choirs of our respective churches (St. Andrews, St. Mark's, St. Thomas and Trinity) to come together for a special service designed to push our music-making abilities even further than we do normally as well as to provide an opportunity for socializing and reconnecting with friends old and new. I'm delighted to say that the event was a smashing success and we had an awesome contingent of Trinity folks show up to support us - so a big thanks go to you all! We plan on doing another similar event later on this calendar year at another host church which we are sure will be every bit as successful as the last one!

Looking ahead, we have our big Easter services coming up in March and lots of excellent music will be provided for this occasion. We will also be seeing the return of the spectacular Brass Quartet from UH that played for Easter Sunday last year, so you won't want to miss that! Additionally, we have an exciting Choral Conducting workshop presented by Dr. Betsy Weber on behalf of the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Saturday, April 13th from 10am to 12 noon.

Reflecting on some personal accomplishments from the last year, I am delighted to have submitted the first chapter of my Doctoral Dissertation and to have completed my final Doctoral Recital which was graciously hosted by St. John the Divine. A big thanks to all again for showing up to support my work - it really means the world! Our Christmas services were well-attended and our music gratefully received. We will continue to endeavor to provide great music each week for services to enhance our beautiful traditional 10:30am Service and on behalf of the entire choir, I'd like to personally thank you all for your kind words and continued support over the last 12 months.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Alex Jones

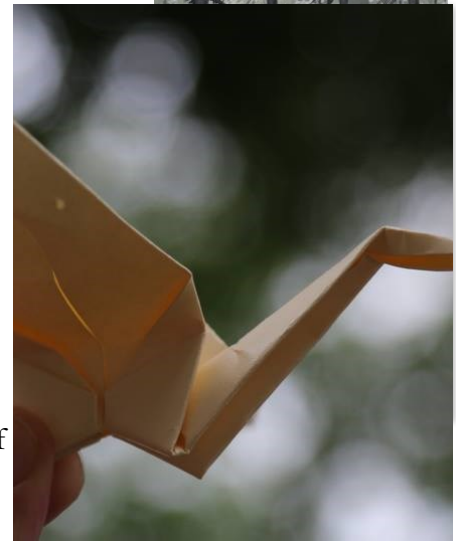
Organist/Choirmaster

# Peace Crane Ministry

Elisabeth (Libby) Tsubai

## Peace Crane Ministry

In 2023 the Trinity Peace Crane Ministry focused its efforts on folding additional orange origami cranes to hang in the Trinity Gun Violence Memorial, a multimedia installation adjacent to the Columbarium. Orange is the color associated with gun violence, and these cranes memorialize the ever-growing number of children and teens who die each year in the U.S. as a result of this tragedy. Over 2,000 orange cranes have been folded to date. Folding cranes will not stop gun violence, but it is a spiritual practice that our ministry has found helpful, whether done individually or in a group. Folding is conducive to prayer and reflection, and when done in community the conversations we have and connections we make are healing.



If you're interested please contact [tsubaic@yahoo.com](mailto:tsubaic@yahoo.com)

# Lord of the Streets Services

Elisabeth (Libby) Tsubai

Trinity has long been a supporter and partner of Lord of the Streets (‘LOTS’), a Mission Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and 501(c)3 organization that serves the homeless and disadvantaged. Lord of the Streets is located directly adjacent to Trinity at 3301 Fannin. Through its staff, volunteers, and partners LOTS provides meals, clothing/hygiene essentials, health and vision care, social service referrals, an address for mail receipt, help with housing, showers, worship services and pastoral care. In April 2023 (after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic), Trinity once again began providing Sunday worship and dining space for the LOTS community. Each week approximately 125 people attend the 7 a.m. service led by The Reverend Bradley Sullivan, Vicar for Lord of the Streets. Worship is followed by an abundant hot breakfast, prepared in the Trinity kitchen and served in Fellowship Hall. Teams from supporting congregations across the Diocese, including Trinity, assist with welcome and worship, cooking, serving, and cleanup.

## Trinity Midtown LOTS Cook Team

In 1990, Trinity established Lord of the Streets within the Diocese of Texas as a ministry dedicated to homeless Houstonians. In 1993, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas adopted Lord of the Streets as a separate “evangelistic mission” charged with addressing the holistic needs of homeless Houstonians.

Since Lord of the Streets’ inception, a hot breakfast (originally) cooked and served by Trinity parishioners has been a hallmark of its Sunday service. Trinity continues to host Sunday services including breakfasts for Lord of the Streets, however, now, we share the cooking and serving responsibilities with local congregations and civic-minded organizations.

In 2023, after a pandemic-imposed hiatus, Trinity resumed hosting Lord of the Streets’ Sunday services and hot breakfasts. Our cook team prepared breakfast three Sundays in 2023 and we’re scheduled to serve breakfast three Sundays in 2024 (they are, March 10<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>).

We’re always looking to grow our cook team and if you’re interested in joining us, contact Ann McCoy at [ann.mccoy@att.net](mailto:ann.mccoy@att.net).

# Altar Guild Ministry

Mark Goza and Joanne Starbuck



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

As is the case at Trinity, altar guilds today are groups of men and women who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the space in which we worship. 2023 Altar Guild members included Shelby Bradley, Alex Bruton, Linda Davenport, Mark Goza, Catherine Guthrie, Ron Mailloux, Madeline Mauk, Carolyn Reyes, Jeanne Sommerfeld and Joanne Starbuck.

Each Altar Guild member is part of a team which has responsibility once a month. Trinity’s Altar Guild is responsible for preparing for all Sunday and Wednesday Eucharistic services, as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals and memorial services. The Altar Guild also prepares the Church and Morrow Chapel for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. There are also various workdays throughout the year, which are usually before Advent, Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas.

Linda Davenport prepares the Eucharist for the Lord of the Streets 7 AM service, as well as for the 8 AM and 12:30 Jazz Eucharist services. Yvonne Myers assists with cleaning up after the 12:30 Jazz service

Additional members are needed, especially on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month. If you feel called to serve on this important and fulfilling ministry, please contact Mark Goza at [mark-goza@gmail.com](mailto:mark-goza@gmail.com) or Joanne Starbuck at [jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net). One-on-one training and a step-by-step instruction manual (with pictures) are provided!



# Flower Ministry

Joanne Starbuck

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

There are several ways to submit your flower dedication:

Sign up online at <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/>

Contact the Church office at 713-528-4100 or via email to [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org)

Sign up on the paper calendar on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

Thank you for your faithful support!



# Hospitality Apartments

Joanne Starbuck

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



A Communion and prayer service is offered each Sunday in the Community Room for residents and their caretakers. Alex Bruton, Mary Cloud, Randy Goswick, Joanne Starbuck and Stan Tubbs serve as Trinity's Lay Eucharistic Ministers on the third Sunday of each month. Trinity's partners in this enriching and rewarding ministry are St. John the Divine and St. Mark's.





# Emergency Aid Coalition

Mary Johns



Trinity has continued their community partnership with Emergency Aid Coalition in 2023, via volunteers, gifts-in-kind, and service. Week-by-week the congregation supported EAC by donating non-perishable food for EAC's food pantry, typically a couple bags of groceries a month. Trinity also organized a food drive for the SouperBowl of Caring event, resulting in more than a dozen boxes of canned food donations. Trinity's lenten coffee-hour project assembled about 100 hygiene bags for EAC to distribute to the homeless. And Trinity's long-time partner Jazz Education organized a food drive as part of their winter concert, a car-load of food which Trinity arranged to donate to the EAC food pantry. EAC has also donated their extra sandwiches to Trinity's evening prayer sack lunch program. In 2024 our goal is to continue this exchange of blessings, especially revitalizing the weekly Sunday food collection.



# Taste of Trinity

John Merullo and George Zemanek

Taste of Trinity entered its second year as a meal group to bring members of Trinity together. After a pause of a few years (including the height of the COVID pandemic), this ministry, formerly known as A Moveable Feast, was revived in 2022 with a new name. Taste of Trinity was the former name of the Diversity Potluck we hold every year. That name was available, so it seemed the perfect fit.

The goal of Taste of Trinity is primarily social. It's a chance to get acquainted with fellow Trinitarians while enjoying some delicious food.

We currently have three groups: A dinner group led by John Merullo and George Zemanek, a dinner group led by Catherine and Chris Reed, and a brunch group led by Madeleine Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld. Each group meets once a month, either in members' homes or at a restaurant. We decided the groups would take December off and then all meet for a meal at the church in January. The plan is to meet monthly after that and then back at the church in June. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact:

John Merullo ([rockhopperlad@gmail.com](mailto:rockhopperlad@gmail.com))

or

George Zemanek ([g.zemanek.1@gmail.com](mailto:g.zemanek.1@gmail.com)).



# Trinity Church Endowment, Inc.

Saba Blanding, President



The Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero,	Larry Dickerson
Rector	Sarah Frazier
Saba Blanding, President	Steve Lee
Brad Beers, Vice President	Edgar Marston
Mark Goza, Secretary	Alexander Obregon
Ken Snell, Treasurer	The Rev. Rhonda Rogers
Mary Cloud	
Robert Davenport	

## Income Available for Distribution in 2024

Total Income For 2023	Total	Main	Rockwell
Dividends & Interest	\$ 266,668.51	\$ 257,679.92	\$ 8,988.59
Fayez Sarofim Fee	\$ (40,911.00)	\$ (40,494.00)	\$ (417.00)
M-L Service Charges & Annual Fee	\$ (238.25)	\$ (132.20)	\$ (106.05)
Foreign Dividends Fees	\$ (2,670.49)	\$ (2,670.49)	\$ -
	<u>\$ 222,848.77</u>	<u>\$ 214,383.23</u>	<u>\$ 8,465.54</u>

## Distribution to Trinity Church

15-Mar-24	\$ 55,712.19	\$ 53,595.81	\$ 2,116.38
15-Jun-24	\$ 55,712.19	\$ 53,595.81	\$ 2,116.38
15-Sep-24	\$ 55,712.19	\$ 53,595.81	\$ 2,116.38
15-Dec-24	\$ 55,712.20	\$ 53,595.80	\$ 2,116.40
	<u>\$ 222,848.77</u>	<u>\$ 214,383.23</u>	<u>\$ 8,465.54</u>

**TRINITY CHURCH HOUSTON**  
 Analysis of Endowment Accounts  
 For the Twelve Months ending December 31, 2023

	TOTAL	MAIN	ROCKWELL
Beginning Market Value at December 31, 2022	\$ 12,032,221.49	\$ 11,757,471.58	\$ 274,749.91
Estimated Accrued Interest Per M-L Statement	\$ 27,154.42	\$ 25,020.81	\$ 2,133.61
<b>Total Value at December 31, 2022 per M-L Statement</b>	<b>\$ 12,059,375.91</b>	<b>\$ 11,782,492.39</b>	<b>\$ 276,883.52</b>
<b><u>Increases</u></b>			
Donations to Endowment	\$ 4,103.00	\$ 4,103.00	\$ -
Dividends & Interest	\$ 266,668.51	\$ 257,679.92	\$ 8,988.59
Sale of Investments	\$ 761,950.12	\$ 761,950.12	\$ -
Market Change	\$ 845,868.35	\$ 838,040.48	\$ 7,827.87
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,589.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,773.52</b>	<b>\$ 16,816.46</b>
<b><u>Decreases</u></b>			
Fayez Sarofim Fees	\$ (40,911.00)	\$ (40,494.00)	\$ (417.00)
M-L Service Charges & Annual Fee	\$ (238.25)	\$ (132.20)	\$ (106.05)
Foreign Dividends Fees	\$ (2,670.49)	\$ (2,670.49)	\$ -
Sale of Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loan Payment	\$ (707,441.70)	\$ (707,441.70)	\$ -
Capital Improvements	\$ (38,179.00)	\$ (38,179.00)	\$ -
Market Change	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Distribution to Trinity Church	\$ (212,393.81)	\$ (204,155.44)	\$ (8,238.37)
<b>Total Decreases</b>	<b>\$ (1,001,834.25)</b>	<b>\$ (993,072.83)</b>	<b>\$ (8,761.42)</b>
Ending Market Value December 31, 2023	\$ 12,908,977.22	\$ 12,626,172.27	\$ 282,804.95
Estimated Accrued Interest Per M-L Statement	\$ 27,089.51	\$ 24,742.80	\$ 2,346.71
<b>Total Value at December 31, 2023 per M-L Statement</b>	<b>\$ 12,936,066.73</b>	<b>\$ 12,650,915.07</b>	<b>\$ 285,151.66</b>

# Financial Report

Larry Laubach

Date : 01/12/2024  
Time : 1:21:29 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Balance Sheet  
December 2023

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Accounts	Assets	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking Accounts</b>		
1-100100 - Operating Account	\$59,659.83	
2-100101 - Rector Discretionary Account	\$76.00	
<b>Total Checking Accounts</b>	<u>\$59,735.83</u>	
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
1-100150 - Petty Cash	\$300.00	
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$60,035.83</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
<b>General - Church</b>		
1-101101 - Merrill Lynch Investment Account	\$440,536.19	
1-101106 - Amegy Bank CD DTD 5/30/23 4.784%	\$15,426.66	
<b>Total General - Church</b>	<u>\$455,962.85</u>	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$455,962.85</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
1-104100 - Church Receivables	\$6,186.70	
1-104110 - Church Pay Advances	\$1,500.00	
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>\$7,686.70</u>	
<b>Endowments - Perm. Restricted</b>		
1-101120 - Trinity Endowment Fund	\$12,650,915.07	
1-101130 - Rockwell Endowment Fund	\$285,151.66	
<b>Total Endowments - Perm. Restricted</b>	<u>\$12,936,066.73</u>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant &amp; Equip.</b>		
1-105100 - Church Building	\$5,724,355.77	
1-105105 - Rectory-4215 University	\$461,263.25	
1-105110 - Bering House	\$1,210,581.75	
1-105115 - Holman Street Parking Lot	\$241,000.00	
1-105200 - Organ & Musical Instruments	\$42,225.00	
1-105201 - Stained Glass Windows	\$151,512.47	
1-105203 - Columbarium	\$25,832.75	
1-105205 - Morrow Chapel	\$489,689.09	
1-105206 - Kitchen Renovations	\$255,590.40	
1-106100 - Accumulated Depreciation	(\$3,589,958.30)	
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equip.</b>	<u>\$5,012,092.18</u>	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>\$5,012,092.18</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$18,471,844.29</b>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Prepaid Pledges</b>		
1-203100 - Future Year Pre-paid Pledges	\$13,100.00	
<b>Total Prepaid Pledges</b>	<u>\$13,100.00</u>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
1-203105 - Accounts Payable	\$34,217.55	
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>\$34,217.55</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$47,317.55</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
1-299990 - Fund Principal	\$17,659,932.03	
Excess Cash Received	\$647,920.11	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>	<u>\$18,307,852.14</u>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$116,674.60	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$116,674.60</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$18,471,844.29</b>

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<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Donor Tithes and Offerings</b>				
<b>Pledged Income</b>				
1-400100 - Current Year Pledges	\$45,619.00	\$35,916.63	\$404,177.31	\$431,000.00
1-400110 - Non-Pledge Offerings	\$2,483.50	\$2,916.63	\$50,162.24	\$35,000.00
1-400140 - Open Plate Offering	\$843.00	\$250.00	\$8,488.54	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Pledged Income</b>	<b>\$48,945.50</b>	<b>\$39,083.26</b>	<b>\$462,828.09</b>	<b>\$469,000.00</b>
<b>Special Offerings</b>				
1-401100 - Ash Wednesday Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$200.00
1-401102 - Shrove Tuesday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93.00	\$100.00
1-401110 - Christmas Offering	\$1,586.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,666.00	\$5,000.00
1-401120 - Easter Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,449.07	\$2,500.00
1-401130 - Good Friday Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
1-401140 - Maundy Thursday Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
1-401142 - Pet Blessing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.00	\$200.00
1-401155 - Altar Flowers	\$375.00	\$291.63	\$5,106.00	\$3,500.00
1-401158 - Easter Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,295.00	\$3,000.00
1-401160 - Christmas Flowers	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00
1-401168 - Breakfast/Sandwich Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	\$0.00
1-401172 - Music Offering	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$5,361.00</b>	<b>\$8,791.63</b>	<b>\$21,441.07</b>	<b>\$18,200.00</b>
<b>Total Donor Tithes and Offerings</b>	<b>\$54,306.50</b>	<b>\$47,874.89</b>	<b>\$484,269.16</b>	<b>\$487,200.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
1-402000 - Facility Room Usage	\$450.00	\$1,750.00	\$19,454.00	\$21,000.00
1-402002 - Wedding Deposits	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$0.00
1-402004 - Visa Card Rebate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-402005 - AmazonSmile Foundation	\$0.00	\$1.63	\$105.58	\$20.00
1-402008 - Advent Wreath	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1-402010 - AA Meetings	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
1-402015 - Fund Raising Activities	\$4,808.84	\$0.00	\$12,978.22	\$15,000.00
1-402023 - Church Insurance Agency Refunc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.00	\$0.00
1-402024 - Memorial Services Fees	\$890.00	\$0.00	\$4,315.00	\$0.00
1-402032 - Jazz Festival Underwriting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,005.00	\$0.00
1-402050 - Release Restricted Funds	\$2,951.83	\$0.00	\$113,531.57	\$0.00
1-402125 - RHS Interest Garage Lease	\$10,416.00	\$10,416.00	\$124,992.00	\$124,992.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$20,791.67</b>	<b>\$12,217.63</b>	<b>\$294,225.37</b>	<b>\$162,112.00</b>
<b>Earnings on Investments</b>				
<b>Church Investment Income</b>				
1-402100 - Merrill Lynch Investment	\$1,686.24	\$166.63	\$17,592.70	\$2,000.00
1-402110 - Saving Bonds Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
1-402120 - Royalty Income	\$971.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,744.80	\$12,000.00
1-402121 - Amegy Bank C/D Earnings	\$60.54	\$0.00	\$426.66	\$0.00
<b>Total Church Investment Income</b>	<b>\$2,717.78</b>	<b>\$1,166.63</b>	<b>\$29,764.16</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
<b>Rockwell Endowment Fund</b>				
1-403000 - Rockwell Distribution	\$2,059.59	\$2,059.59	\$8,238.37	\$8,238.37
<b>Total Rockwell Endowment Fund</b>	<b>\$2,059.59</b>	<b>\$2,059.59</b>	<b>\$8,238.37</b>	<b>\$8,238.37</b>
<b>Trinity Endowment Fund</b>				
1-402020 - Trinity Endowment Distribution	\$51,038.86	\$51,038.86	\$204,155.44	\$204,155.44
<b>Total Trinity Endowment Fund</b>	<b>\$51,038.86</b>	<b>\$51,038.86</b>	<b>\$204,155.44</b>	<b>\$204,155.44</b>
<b>Total Earnings on Investments</b>	<b>\$55,816.23</b>	<b>\$54,265.08</b>	<b>\$242,157.97</b>	<b>\$241,393.81</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$130,914.40</b>	<b>\$114,357.60</b>	<b>\$1,020,652.50</b>	<b>\$890,705.81</b>

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<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Personnel</b>				
<b>Clergy Compensation</b>				
<b>Rector</b>				
1-500100 - Rector - Salary	\$5,884.30	\$5,577.90	\$67,854.00	\$66,934.80
1-500105 - Rector - Housing	\$585.00	\$585.00	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00
1-500110 - Rector - Pension	\$2,187.14	\$2,102.12	\$25,480.32	\$25,225.00
1-500115 - Rector - Dental Insurance	\$0.00	\$222.00	\$2,220.00	\$2,664.00
1-500120 - Rector - Auto Allowance	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1-500125 - Rector - Self Employment Tax	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$21,840.00	\$21,840.00
1-500130 - Rector - Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$495.00	\$3,000.00
1-500140 - Rector - Cell Phone	\$0.00	\$166.63	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
1-500141 - Rector-Sewanee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.10	\$0.00
1-500145 - Rector - Business Expenses	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,061.68	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Rector</b>	<u>\$10,726.44</u>	<u>\$11,223.65</u>	<u>\$129,155.10</u>	<u>\$134,683.80</u>
<b>Associate Rector</b>				
1-500254 - Associate Rector - Pension	\$981.99	\$0.00	\$8,837.91	\$0.00
1-500264 - Associate Rector - Business Exp	\$12.99	\$0.00	\$262.25	\$0.00
<b>Total Associate Rector</b>	<u>\$994.98</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$9,100.16</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Other Clergy</b>				
1-500305 - Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$416.63	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Other Clergy</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$416.63</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<b>Curate</b>				
1-520070 - Curate - Salary	\$1,379.68	\$1,900.50	\$14,056.16	\$22,806.00
1-520072 - Curate - Housing	\$3,555.00	\$3,555.00	\$42,660.00	\$42,660.00
1-520074 - Curate - Pension	\$0.00	\$982.00	\$2,945.97	\$11,784.00
1-520075 - Curate - Dental Insurance	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$550.00	\$660.00
1-520076 - Curate - Self Emp. Tax	\$770.84	\$770.87	\$9,250.08	\$9,250.00
1-520079 - Curate- Continuing Ed.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.00	\$0.00
1-520080 - Curate - Business Expenses	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$121.70	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Curate</b>	<u>\$5,705.52</u>	<u>\$7,363.37</u>	<u>\$69,757.91</u>	<u>\$88,360.00</u>
<b>Total Clergy Compensation</b>	<u>\$17,426.94</u>	<u>\$19,003.65</u>	<u>\$209,013.17</u>	<u>\$228,043.80</u>
<b>Lay Staff Compensation</b>				
<b>Lay Staff Salaries</b>				
1-500405 - Office Manager	\$4,320.00	\$4,000.00	\$51,250.06	\$48,000.00
1-500415 - Bookkeeper	\$715.00	\$715.00	\$8,580.00	\$8,580.00
1-500416 - Administration Assistant	\$2,325.00	\$1,733.37	\$19,210.00	\$20,800.00
1-500417 - Youth Director	\$0.00	\$666.63	\$6,980.00	\$8,000.00
1-500446 - Children's Ministry Teacher	\$568.75	\$483.37	\$1,633.75	\$5,800.00
1-500450 - Nursery Workers	\$512.00	\$583.37	\$7,502.00	\$7,000.00
1-500455 - Sextons	\$1,009.00	\$1,445.13	\$33,785.25	\$17,342.00
1-500461 - Payroll In Error	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,350.84	\$0.00
<b>Total Lay Staff Salaries</b>	<u>\$9,449.75</u>	<u>\$9,626.87</u>	<u>\$132,291.90</u>	<u>\$115,522.00</u>
<b>Lay Staff Benefits</b>				
1-500540 - Lay Staff Pensions	\$384.36	\$401.88	\$4,612.32	\$4,823.00
1-500545 - Lay Staff Medical/ Dental Insuran	\$200.00	\$897.00	\$10,347.70	\$10,764.00
1-500570 - Lay Staff Life/Disability Insurance	\$0.00	\$3.70	\$37.00	\$44.40
<b>Total Lay Staff Benefits</b>	<u>\$584.36</u>	<u>\$1,302.58</u>	<u>\$14,997.02</u>	<u>\$15,631.40</u>
<b>Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense</b>				
1-500650 - FICA & Medicare Taxes	\$1,620.73	\$1,375.00	\$17,310.04	\$16,500.00
<b>Total Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense</b>	<u>\$1,620.73</u>	<u>\$1,375.00</u>	<u>\$17,310.04</u>	<u>\$16,500.00</u>
<b>Total Lay Staff Compensation</b>	<u>\$11,654.84</u>	<u>\$12,304.45</u>	<u>\$164,598.96</u>	<u>\$147,653.40</u>

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<b>Other Personnel Expenses</b>				
1-500700 - Safeguarding God's Children Trai	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$150.00
1-500701 - Contract Labor	\$407.25	\$250.00	\$2,497.50	\$3,000.00
1-500710 - Worker's Comp Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,923.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Other Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$407.25</b>	<b>\$262.50</b>	<b>\$4,420.50</b>	<b>\$5,650.00</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$29,489.03</b>	<b>\$31,570.60</b>	<b>\$378,032.63</b>	<b>\$381,347.20</b>
<b>Christian Formation</b>				
<b>Adult</b>				
1-510110 - Adult Ed. Supplies	\$192.24	\$83.37	\$1,237.78	\$1,000.00
1-510112 - Women's Retreat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.54	\$0.00
1-510140 - Guest Speakers	\$0.00	\$166.63	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
1-510141 - Men's Retreat	\$448.93	\$0.00	\$448.93	\$0.00
<b>Total Adult</b>	<b>\$641.17</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$1,735.25</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Children</b>				
1-510100 - Children Activities	\$151.60	\$29.13	\$151.60	\$350.00
1-510105 - Children's Supplies	\$198.85	\$100.00	\$748.78	\$1,200.00
1-510115 - Nursery Supplies	\$30.80	\$41.63	\$102.54	\$500.00
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>\$381.25</b>	<b>\$170.76</b>	<b>\$1,002.92</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>				
1-510602 - Youth Supplies	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$341.35	\$500.00
1-510603 - Youth Mission Trips	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
1-510610 - Youth Activities	\$135.13	\$100.00	\$233.62	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>\$135.13</b>	<b>\$141.63</b>	<b>\$1,624.97</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>				
1-510650 - Activities	\$4.00	\$41.63	\$74.48	\$500.00
1-510655 - Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
1-510660 - Supplies	\$0.00	\$20.87	\$4.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Young Adults</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$62.50</b>	<b>\$82.48</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Total Christian Formation</b>	<b>\$1,161.55</b>	<b>\$624.89</b>	<b>\$4,445.62</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
<b>Office Expenses</b>				
1-520100 - Office Supplies & Paper	\$434.84	\$666.63	\$6,283.57	\$8,000.00
1-520110 - Copier	\$1,531.08	\$458.37	\$10,324.26	\$5,500.00
1-520115 - IT Support	\$659.84	\$541.63	\$7,026.58	\$6,500.00
1-520120 - Postage	\$23.28	\$250.00	\$508.13	\$3,000.00
1-520125 - Audit Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
1-520126 - Food & Gifts	\$509.05	\$108.37	\$1,849.51	\$1,300.00
1-520130 - ACS Software Contract	\$0.00	\$458.37	\$5,887.80	\$5,500.00
1-520135 - Bank Charges	\$1,366.12	\$416.63	\$5,518.42	\$5,000.00
1-520140 - Postage Machine Contract	\$24.00	\$83.37	\$2,439.66	\$1,000.00
1-520150 - Books/Subscriptions/Seminars	\$129.01	\$375.00	\$2,561.09	\$4,500.00
1-520155 - Off-Site Storage	\$190.00	\$189.00	\$2,280.00	\$2,268.00
1-520156 - Shred-It	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$662.15	\$450.00
1-520160 - Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,178.73	\$0.00
1-520162 - Equipment Replacement	\$0.00	\$208.37	\$5,941.50	\$2,500.00
1-520165 - Stationery Supplies	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$589.46	\$1,500.00
1-520166 - Business Charges-Treasurer	\$0.00	\$29.13	\$80.00	\$350.00
1-520170 - Payroll Service	\$216.96	\$208.37	\$2,713.32	\$2,500.00
1-520175 - Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$444.00	\$600.00
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,084.18</b>	<b>\$4,205.74</b>	<b>\$57,288.18</b>	<b>\$70,468.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>				
1-520300 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,439.50	\$80,440.00



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1-520310 - Trailer Insurance	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$225.00	\$180.00
1-520312 - Cyber Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$81,364.50</b>	<b>\$80,620.00</b>
<b>Other Administrative Expenses</b>				
1-520151 - Ozarka Water	\$56.99	\$50.00	\$639.88	\$600.00
1-520605 - Trailer Expense	\$0.00	\$16.63	\$0.00	\$200.00
1-520606 - First Aid Medical Supplies	\$0.00	\$20.87	\$0.00	\$250.00
1-520608 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$83.37	\$2,363.34	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Other Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$56.99</b>	<b>\$170.87</b>	<b>\$3,003.22</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$5,141.17</b>	<b>\$4,391.61</b>	<b>\$141,655.90</b>	<b>\$153,138.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>				
<b>Lawn/Tree Care</b>				
1-530001 - Church	\$1,860.40	\$0.00	\$13,171.33	\$2,000.00
1-530005 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$6.48	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Lawn/Tree Care</b>	<b>\$1,860.40</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$13,177.81</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>Maintenance/Repairs</b>				
1-530010 - Church	\$408.24	\$500.00	\$5,485.46	\$6,000.00
1-530011 - Kitchen	\$753.96	\$125.00	\$6,760.49	\$1,500.00
1-530012 - Bering House	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,864.00	\$0.00
1-530013 - Chapel	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$750.00
1-530014 - Rectory	\$376.41	\$83.37	\$1,954.17	\$1,000.00
1-530015 - AED Defibrillator	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$750.00
1-530016 - Blackflow Testing-City of Houston	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,646.00	\$0.00
1-530017 - Youth Room	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.99	\$0.00
<b>Total Maintenance/Repairs</b>	<b>\$2,538.61</b>	<b>\$833.37</b>	<b>\$19,754.11</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Plumbing</b>				
1-530020 - Church	\$0.00	\$83.37	\$10,503.74	\$1,000.00
1-530024 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$3,090.41	\$500.00
1-530026 - Kitchen	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$750.00
<b>Total Plumbing</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$187.50</b>	<b>\$13,594.15</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>Electrical Repair</b>				
1-530030 - Church	\$0.00	\$166.63	\$1,937.41	\$2,000.00
1-530034 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$229.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Electrical Repair</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$208.26</b>	<b>\$2,166.41</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Pest Control</b>				
1-530040 - Church	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$3,033.62	\$2,400.00
1-530042 - Bering House	\$135.00	\$61.63	\$540.00	\$740.00
1-530044 - Rectory	\$105.00	\$85.00	\$210.00	\$340.00
<b>Total Pest Control</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>	<b>\$346.63</b>	<b>\$3,783.62</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>
<b>Cleaning Service/ Supplies</b>				
1-530050 - Church	\$1,195.00	\$1,333.37	\$18,756.31	\$16,000.00
1-530052 - Kitchen	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,141.61	\$3,000.00
1-530054 - Elite Camp Porter-Empire, Inc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,299.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Cleaning Service/ Supplies</b>	<b>\$1,195.00</b>	<b>\$1,583.37</b>	<b>\$22,196.92</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>
<b>Carpet Cleaning</b>				
1-530060 - Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$390.60	\$1,500.00
1-530064 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Carpet Cleaning</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$390.60</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Aircondition/Heating Service</b>				
1-530070 - Church	\$0.00	\$416.63	\$5,405.13	\$5,000.00
1-530074 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$166.63	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

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1-530076 - Chapel	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
1-530078 - HVAC Maintenance Contracts	\$2,950.00	\$983.37	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00
<b>Total Aircondition/Heating Service</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>	<b>\$1,591.63</b>	<b>\$17,205.13</b>	<b>\$19,100.00</b>
<b>Elevator Service</b>				
1-530080 - Church	\$775.44	\$250.00	\$3,829.44	\$3,000.00
1-530081 - City of Houston Permit	\$0.00	\$20.87	\$116.30	\$250.00
<b>Total Elevator Service</b>	<b>\$775.44</b>	<b>\$270.87</b>	<b>\$3,945.74</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
<b>Boiler Service/Permit</b>				
1-530085 - Church-Repairs	\$600.65	\$0.00	\$8,226.37	\$0.00
1-530086 - City & State Permit	\$0.00	\$33.37	\$555.89	\$400.00
<b>Total Boiler Service/Permit</b>	<b>\$600.65</b>	<b>\$33.37</b>	<b>\$8,782.26</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Grease Removal Service</b>				
1-530100 - Church Kitchen	\$0.00	\$91.63	\$897.76	\$1,100.00
1-530102 - City of Houston Permit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.96	\$130.00
<b>Total Grease Removal Service</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$91.63</b>	<b>\$1,028.72</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>
<b>Food Dealers Permit-Not for Pr</b>				
1-530200 - City of Houston Permit	\$0.00	\$17.50	\$216.17	\$210.00
<b>Total Food Dealers Permit-Not for Pr</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17.50</b>	<b>\$216.17</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$10,510.10</b>	<b>\$5,789.13</b>	<b>\$106,241.64</b>	<b>\$66,920.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Support</b>				
1-550100 - Diocesan Assessment	\$20,152.77	\$20,152.75	\$80,611.00	\$80,611.00
<b>Total Diocesan Support</b>	<b>\$20,152.77</b>	<b>\$20,152.75</b>	<b>\$80,611.00</b>	<b>\$80,611.00</b>
<b>Parish Life</b>				
<b>Fellowship</b>				
1-510383 - Stewardship	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,647.34	\$3,000.00
1-560100 - Easter Photo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.66	\$0.00
1-560101 - Easter Mailing and Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,440.67	\$0.00
1-560105 - Coffee Hour	\$1,175.85	\$500.00	\$5,678.78	\$6,000.00
1-560107 - Aloha Sunday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.12	\$300.00
1-560115 - Shrove Tuesday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$181.32	\$100.00
1-560120 - Greeters/New Member	\$0.00	\$166.63	\$1,024.06	\$2,000.00
1-560121 - Advent Wreath Materials	\$317.45	\$0.00	\$422.45	\$250.00
1-560125 - Vestry Expenses	\$0.00	\$333.37	\$2,493.36	\$4,000.00
1-560150 - Council Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,776.25	\$2,000.00
1-560157 - Fund Raising Event	\$4,212.22	\$0.00	\$6,389.24	\$0.00
<b>Total Fellowship</b>	<b>\$5,705.52</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$22,290.25</b>	<b>\$17,650.00</b>
<b>Worship</b>				
1-510372 - Mother's Day Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.78	\$0.00
1-560200 - Altar Guild	\$586.71	\$416.63	\$3,917.38	\$5,000.00
1-560203 - Funeral Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
1-560205 - Acolytes/Ushers/Chalice Bearers	\$0.00	\$20.87	\$614.50	\$250.00
1-560206 - Lent Material	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,091.12	\$0.00
1-560210 - Books & Publications	\$142.50	\$83.37	\$1,272.51	\$1,000.00
1-560215 - Service Bulletins Inserts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
1-560219 - Palm Strips/Fan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.75	\$510.00
1-560220 - Altar Flowers	\$770.00	\$500.00	\$7,895.00	\$6,000.00
1-560221 - Easter Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,619.50	\$3,000.00
1-560222 - Christmas Flowers	\$1,134.60	\$3,500.00	\$1,134.60	\$3,500.00
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>\$2,633.81</b>	<b>\$4,520.87</b>	<b>\$20,746.14</b>	<b>\$19,360.00</b>
<b>Music Ministries</b>				
1-500425 - Organist/Choir Director	\$2,726.00	\$2,176.00	\$27,212.00	\$26,112.00
1-500426 - Supply Organist	\$200.00	\$116.63	\$200.00	\$1,400.00

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1-500430 - 10:30 Service Music Staff	\$3,795.00	\$2,500.00	\$31,955.00	\$30,000.00
1-500435 - 12:30 Service Music Staff	\$3,900.00	\$3,166.63	\$37,475.00	\$38,000.00
1-510215 - Music Supplies	\$1,574.80	\$83.37	\$2,136.05	\$1,000.00
1-510220 - Palm Sunday Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
1-510223 - Ash Wednesday Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
1-510225 - Good Friday Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$400.00
1-510230 - Easter Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
1-510235 - Christmas Eve Service	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
1-560250 - Instrument Maintenance	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Music Ministries</b>	<b>\$12,195.80</b>	<b>\$11,667.63</b>	<b>\$100,728.05</b>	<b>\$104,282.00</b>
<b>Pastoral Care</b>				
1-560305 - Pastoral Care/Parking	\$48.37	\$0.00	\$557.21	\$0.00
<b>Total Pastoral Care</b>	<b>\$48.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$557.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>General Ministries/Outreach</b>				
1-510323 - Trinity Jazz Fest Website	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$676.96	\$500.00
1-510335 - LOTs Sandwich Makers	\$1,943.78	\$583.37	\$11,237.46	\$7,000.00
1-510340 - LOTs Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.07	\$0.00
1-510345 - Security-Contracted	\$8,790.40	\$4,420.00	\$62,322.00	\$53,040.00
1-510350 - Support Outside Organizations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.03	\$0.00
1-510357 - Episcopal Church Women	\$512.71	\$0.00	\$945.27	\$0.00
1-510361 - Community Outreach	\$0.00	\$83.37	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
1-510365 - Advertising/Banners	\$606.00	\$250.00	\$5,120.36	\$3,000.00
1-510370 - Pet Blessing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$633.65	\$500.00
1-510376 - Bishop Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
1-510381 - Listening Post	\$91.66	\$0.00	\$125.61	\$0.00
<b>Total General Ministries/Outreach</b>	<b>\$11,944.55</b>	<b>\$5,378.37</b>	<b>\$82,997.41</b>	<b>\$65,290.00</b>
<b>Total Parish Life</b>	<b>\$32,528.05</b>	<b>\$22,816.87</b>	<b>\$227,319.06</b>	<b>\$206,582.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>				
<b>Electricity</b>				
1-520001 - Church	\$5,509.08	\$3,500.00	\$43,290.82	\$42,000.00
1-520003 - Bering House	\$122.06	\$125.00	\$292.38	\$1,500.00
1-520005 - Rectory	\$464.73	\$300.00	\$4,073.57	\$3,600.00
<b>Total Electricity</b>	<b>\$6,095.87</b>	<b>\$3,925.00</b>	<b>\$47,656.77</b>	<b>\$47,100.00</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>				
1-520010 - Church	\$1,563.26	\$250.00	\$7,418.73	\$3,000.00
1-520012 - Bering House	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$205.89	\$500.00
1-520014 - Rectory	\$74.61	\$83.37	\$754.12	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Natural Gas</b>	<b>\$1,637.87</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>	<b>\$8,378.74</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Security/Fire Alarm/Permit</b>				
1-520020 - Church	\$0.00	\$291.63	\$1,925.15	\$3,500.00
1-520022 - Bering House	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$282.36	\$130.00
1-520024 - Rectory	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$1,924.88	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Security/Fire Alarm/Permit</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$416.63</b>	<b>\$4,132.39</b>	<b>\$5,130.00</b>
<b>Telephone/Internet</b>				
1-520030 - Church	\$350.11	\$500.00	\$8,928.47	\$6,000.00
1-520032 - Rectory	\$338.47	\$416.63	\$4,125.02	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Telephone/Internet</b>	<b>\$688.58</b>	<b>\$916.63</b>	<b>\$13,053.49</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>Trash &amp; Disposal/Permit</b>				
1-520050 - Church	\$121.00	\$125.00	\$2,001.07	\$1,500.00
1-520051 - City of Houston Permit	\$0.00	\$139.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
<b>Total Trash &amp; Disposal/Permit</b>	<b>\$121.00</b>	<b>\$264.00</b>	<b>\$2,001.07</b>	<b>\$1,790.00</b>
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>				

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1-520060 - Church	\$2,579.76	\$500.00	\$14,278.30	\$6,000.00
1-520062 - Bering House	\$0.00	\$41.63	\$167.78	\$500.00
1-520063 - Drainage Fee-Bering House	\$289.21	\$99.12	\$1,214.68	\$1,189.00
1-520064 - Rectory	\$273.36	\$125.00	\$2,693.90	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<u>\$3,142.33</u>	<u>\$765.75</u>	<u>\$18,354.66</u>	<u>\$9,189.00</u>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>\$11,685.65</u>	<u>\$6,663.01</u>	<u>\$93,577.12</u>	<u>\$78,709.00</u>
<b>Restricted Funds Expenses</b>				
1-700001 - Restreicted Fund Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds Expenses</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$110,668.32</u>	<u>\$92,008.86</u>	<u>\$1,081,882.97</u>	<u>\$974,807.20</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	\$20,246.08	\$22,348.74	(\$61,230.47)	(\$84,101.39)

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Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b><u>Temporary Restricted</u></b>				
<b>Special Offerings</b>				
1-800010 - Rector Discretionary Fund	\$1,230.62	\$3,850.00	\$4,648.83	\$431.79
1-800020 - Associate Rector Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$2,993.47	\$491.54	\$2,501.93
1-800030 - Curate Discretionary Fund	\$1,658.47	\$0.00	\$1,658.47	\$0.00
1-800055 - Garden Club Fund	\$5,265.86	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$5,315.86
1-800060 - Columbarium Fund	\$46,496.78	\$6,937.50	\$0.00	\$53,434.28
1-800065 - Library Fund	\$1,684.34	\$0.00	\$1,684.34	\$0.00
1-800072 - Prayer Book Fund	\$680.00	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$0.00
1-800076 - Altar Guild	\$3,033.84	\$900.00	\$586.71	\$3,347.13
1-800090 - Daughters of The King	\$907.00	\$0.00	\$907.00	\$0.00
1-800095 - Misc. Directed Contributions	\$0.00	\$1,976.20	\$1,976.20	\$0.00
1-800100 - LOTS Prayer Books Fund	\$1,883.89	\$0.00	\$1,883.89	\$0.00
1-800102 - Music Fund	\$6,899.30	\$7,838.77	\$5,761.18	\$8,976.89
1-800105 - Prayer Shaw Ministry Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1-800110 - AA Good Times Group	\$0.00	\$1,905.44	\$1,905.44	\$0.00
1-800115 - Trinity Endowment Contributions	\$0.00	\$9,103.00	\$9,103.00	\$0.00
1-800118 - LOTS Breakfast/Sandwich Fund	\$0.00	\$2,820.00	\$2,820.00	\$0.00
1-800119 - Acolyte Fund	\$1,370.47	\$0.00	\$25.90	\$1,344.57
1-800121 - Youth Mission Trips	\$2,905.46	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,855.46
1-800125 - Young Adults-Campus Ministry Grant	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$75,016.03</b>	<b>\$38,424.38</b>	<b>\$36,232.50</b>	<b>\$77,207.91</b>
<b>Reserve &amp; Building Funds</b>				
1-800200 - Improvement/Budget	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Reserve &amp; Building Funds</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$175,016.03</b>	<b>\$38,424.38</b>	<b>\$136,232.50</b>	<b>\$77,207.91</b>

# Acolyte Ministry

## Mary Cloud

We're thankful for the faithfulness of our youth as well as adult acolytes who have served at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The ministry has grown during this past year, enabling more of our youth to train and serve at the altar, assisting the priests at communion as well as serving the congregation.

Senior acolytes (age 17) are Alex Sennewald, James Sennewald, and Byron Walton. They will be leaving us for college in the fall of 2024. We're thankful for their service and for their leadership especially during the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Other youth acolytes (ages 8-14) are Leila Blanding, Joshua Draper, Gentry Chambers, Landry Chambers, Sawyer Chambers, Helen Hensman, Addilyn Lomasang, and Kaydence Lomasang.

Leila Blanding has served as crucifer at funerals during the past year.

Special thanks goes to the adult team, who not only serve on the third Sunday of the month, but for their faithful leadership and presence to the ministry and for their willingness to serve whenever needed: Mark Goza, Barrett Hess, Joanne Starbuck, David Villareal, and Mary Cloud.

Special recognition goes to David Villareal for his training of new acolytes and contributions to the ministry.

We're also thankful for the service of former acolytes Ceci Bruton and John Bruton for their presence when they have returned home for a visit from college.

As we continue to build the ministry, we welcome new acolytes. If your child is interested in joining the youth acolyte ministry, please contact Mary Cloud.



# Prayer Chain Ministry

Norma Cooper

The Trinity Prayer Ministry is composed of members of the congregation. We at Trinity Midtown believe in the power of prayer. *Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Ephesians 6:18*



Prayer brings us in touch with God and others, and as we pray, we offer every situation to God.

Prayer request can be submitted by way of text, phone call or email. The prayer ministry brought a deep sense of comfort to those going through difficult times. A simple request that others join you in prayer amplified the power of the prayer.

We are commanded to bear one another's burdens by taking them to the throne of grace. *You also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many." Corinthians 1:11*

Prayer is a profound privilege and expression of our relationship with God.

As the ministry liaison, it is an honor and a blessing to send out the prayer request.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, or if you have prayer needs or requests and would like prayers by this group, please contact *Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.com or 281-435-5978.*

# Volunteer Ministries

Pat Laubach

## **SANDWICH MAKERS**

To support this long-standing outreach ministry to our neighbors in need, dedicated volunteers meet twice monthly (sometimes more) to maintain a supply of sandwiches. Mary Johns sets up for the Sunday meetings, and Donald Hackler broadcasts reminders of the Tuesday gatherings. In addition, Sheree Thompson places orders for bread and bologna with the HEB on Alabama.

There have been challenges this year, as the number of meals distributed Monday through Friday shows a steady increase -- now typically 50 or more per day. Admittedly, this is a good challenge to face, and the volunteers have responded with zeal. Thanks and blessings for the continued support!

## **LAY MINISTERS**

This year has seen some changes to our ministry teams. We will miss Barney Ong who served so faithfully but has returned to his homeland of Borneo. We have been blessed with new volunteers who serve as Lectors, readers of Prayers of the People, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. David Theis coordinates the serve teams for the 12:30 Jazz Gospel service.

## **USHERS AND GREETERS**

We have four teams of Ushers/Greeters at the 10:30 AM service. Each team serve one Sunday each month. The teams are small (some have only two or three volunteers) and additional volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to those who have recently joined a team.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please see Pat or ask any usher for additional information.

We are very grateful for all our wonderful volunteers who often serve in multiple ministries.

Blessings,  
Pat Laubach  
volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



# Evening Prayer Ministries

## Christian Bearup

Since resuming under John Murello's leadership in fall of 2021, Trinity's Evening Prayer Ministry has persisted in providing daily liturgical prayer for our homeless and food-insecure neighbors. Our growth, both as a ministry and a weekday congregation, has presented us with meaningful partnerships as well as logistical challenges.

The return of LOTS' Sunday service occasioned a considerable increase in interest among our neighbors in our weekday services. Officiants and greeters can now safely assume that we will host no less than thirty and as many as forty-five worshippers, many of whom are now familiar faces. It is not uncommon for us to exhaust our nightly supply of food: fifty sack dinners, equaling one hundred sandwiches.

This year we welcomed Harold Robertson's return to the ministry, and have been blessed with the helping hands of Gladys Vallés and Lucia Fernandez. As various volunteers have scaled back their weekly involvement to meet career, family, and personal responsibilities, Barrett Hess and the Davenports have stepped into biweekly roles to ensure that this ministry continues to provide for our neighbors' daily needs. These and all who have volunteered this year—John Merullo, Alexandra Maranos, David Theis, Ron Maillieux, Samantha Rainman, Mary Ann Collier, Jason Hruska, and the Reverends Luz and Rhonda—have persisted in making Trinity a presence of Christ to our neighbors in need who—per the gospels—are themselves Christ's presence to us.

This ministry has been further fortified by the presence of Fr. Brad, who has on occasion led the liturgy, and the newly-established Listening Hearts community, which gathers biweekly for contemplative prayer and fellowship during and following the Evening Prayer service. Prior to forming Listening Hearts, its leaders, Rev. Bob and Sarah Flick, facilitated a training seminar for Evening Prayer and Listening Post volunteers covering core principles of engagement with visitors and worshippers who suffer from physical or emotional distress.

This ministry's growth has necessitated the introduction of several protocols to ensure the safety of our volunteers, property, and guests. Ryan Mire has been prompt in responding to rare but notable incidents involving hostile visitors and theft; Sam Jones has remained stalwart in protocol enforcement as well as, when the occasion arises, serving as a liaison between the church and public servants, including police officers and EMTs. Their commitment to volunteers' safety ensures that this ministry can continue in its mission and that our neighbor's are welcomed into a secure and predictable environment.

Our most pressing need—and it is pressing—is for helping hands in sandwich preparation, particularly at the back half of each month. Volunteers have frequently noted that to meet the needs of all worshippers and visitors, we will need to increase our daily supply to sixty, perhaps seventy sack dinners. Many Trinity members within and without this ministry have gone to great lengths to ensure we are able to maintain our current supply. This fall, Samantha Rainman facilitated an arrangement through which students from St. Mark's Episcopal School have supplied us with sandwiches for distribution, and may continue to do so in the new year. Most recently, Marcy Antiuk arranged a large donation from the EAC to supply this ministry with a much-needed sandwich delivery—a major boon to our December supply. Particular thanks are owed to the Sandwich Makers Ministry, the students of St. Mark's, the Davenports, our clergy, and especially our ministry coordinator Pat Laubach, who is immediately responsive to calls for material support. As we are grateful to serve whomever God leads through Trinity's doors, we envision a future in which no neighbor in need—worshippers and late arrivals alike; God loves them both—is turned away empty-handed.

If you are interested in volunteering, please coordinate with either Pat Laubach, myself, or, for the Sandwich Makers ministry, Donald Hackler.

# Pet Blessing Ministry

Shelby Ann Bradley



On Sunday, October 8, 2023, Saint Francis of Assisi, and his Blessing of the Animals, was celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown, from four to six in the evening. Attendees enjoyed being blessed, loved, photographed, and made the center of attention by humans and other animals. Saint Francis, represented by Rev. Bradley Sullivan, and Rev. Luz Cabrera-Montes, gently blessed each and every pet that came to them.

Once again, **Ryan Terraza of Kroger, River Oaks, Adventures in Birds, Spring Branch, and Trinity Parish Members** generously donated to make this beloved event an overwhelming success. *Villa Farm Petting Zoo* and *Terrell Montgomery, of Randalls, Midtown*, are two additional supporters who joined us this year. Their

contributions of water and pet food, allowed us to increase food for the animals at Friends for Life Animal Animal Shelter. Marc Anthony, our gifted florist, filled our flower dedication order with stunning blooms and no negative comments were heard. Our pets, living and deceased, blessed our Baptismal font with White Lilies, Sunflowers, as well as Red, Lavender, and Yellow Roses.

This year's celebration was held in Fellowship Hall because the yard was not reliably safe enough after much needed heavy rain had fallen, prior to our event. Tarps protected the floor and few accidents occurred.

The recipient of our food donations, Friends for Life Animal Shelter, was excited, surprised and exceptionally grateful for our food donations. We collected nearly 90 bags and cans of pet food. I have requested that a representative of the shelter be present this year and hope that 2024 will be at least as generous and successful as last year was.

This year's Pet Blessing is scheduled for Sunday October 6, 2024, from 4 to 6 P.M. It is my hope that your pets and favorite animals will be presented or represented when Saint Francis will join us to bless each and every one, as well as those that are unable to be physically present. If you have ideas about ways to improve and make our event even more joyful, please contact Rev. Luz or Shelby as soon as possible since plans are being made now. Donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated and volunteers are welcome. God Bless each of you and your pets. Let us pray for a beautiful day and continued love for and from our pets.



# The Trinity Garden Club

## Sylvia Drew

Trinity Episcopal Garden Club is the oldest congregant ministry beginning sometime in the late 1940's. This ministry was founded to oversee and become stewards of the Named Gardens of Trinity: The Bishop Garden, The Church Garden, The Columbarium, The Abbot Garden and the Butterfly Garden.

The current and future planning, gardening, maintenance and layout of our five Trinity gardens are prayerfully and thoughtfully considered and carried out by members of the Garden Club. There are a few Saturday planting opportunities offered by the Garden Club to introduce parishioners to the Gardens.

The planters surrounding the statue of ST Francis are carefully maintained to reflect the changing seasons of Nature.

The Garden spotlights National Kindness Sunday each year in November with a special presentation during Coffee hour.

The Garden Club gifts our Church a "Chrismon" tree each year. This tree is decorated with finely sewn Chrismons; all made by church members, some delicate Chrismons, as old as 50 years. There is a special meeting on the first Friday of June that spotlights the joy and history of Chrismons; where the making of new Chrismons is encouraged. Many of the church members come together to teach and give guidance to new makers of Chrismons. These newly made Chrismons are dedicated in a special presentation during the annual lighting of the Chrismon tree.

The Garden Club is the traditional host of the Palm Sunday coffee Hour.

The Garden Club hosts a self-guided tour of our Churches five gardens the first Sunday in May. Members of Garden Club meet the first Friday of the months between September and May, inside the Smith room at 10:30 am where there is usually a Garden Centric Speaker, a short agenda meeting and light refreshments are served. There is no meeting in January. All are invited to come and participate. We rejoice in our service to God through our Gardens.

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# Chrismons

## Catherine Reed

The Christmas tree is decorated each year by the Garden Club with ornaments with Christian symbols handmade by generations of Trinity parishioners. Special ornaments done in gold silver and white are called “chrismons”, from “Christ’s Monogram”. The early ones were beaded and the recent ones have been done in needlepoint.

In the past, each individual stitcher worked independently with the needlework shops for the design, supplies, training in the various stitches and turning the canvas into an ornament. In 2023, we tried something different. The church acquired canvases, threads, and sets of the stitching tools needed, bringing everything to church so that novice could see what was involved and be encouraged to try their hand at needlepoint. With the help and encouragement of Pat Laubach, I was able to prepare the designs, mentor the stitchers, and complete the finishing.

I was thrilled and amazed at the response. Although four stitchers were not able to complete theirs in time, ten stitchers completed fourteen canvases. Several had never done needlepoint before, and those that had done some learned new stitches. All of the chrismons are beautiful and were a wonderful addition to the tree.



From left to right:

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Tony Huffman       | Latin Cross      |
| Catherine Reed     | Canterbury Cross |
| Catherine Reed     | Boat             |
| Joanne Starbuck    | Chi Rho          |
| Javi Bravo-Alegria | Butterfly        |
| Natalia Horwitz    | Trefoil          |
| Shelby Bradley     | Iona Cross       |



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| Catherine Guthrie  | Iona Cross           |
| Carol Wells        | Canterbury Cross     |
| Carolyn Reyes      | Trefoil and Triangle |
| Javi Bravo-Alegria | Candle               |
| Stan Tubbs         | Chalice              |
| Catherine Reed     | Grapes, Wheat        |

If you are interested in making a Chrismon for next year’s tree, contact Catherine Reed at [ccreed@swbell.net](mailto:ccreed@swbell.net) or 713-598-6782.

# Verger Ministry

Ron Mailloux

In much earlier times, the Episcopal processions did not start inside of a church, but started in a public square where people could see and be reminded that it was time to celebrate the Sabbath and spend time worshipping our Lord. The processions went through the streets which often had stray animals or possibly worse, people still celebrating Saturday night. The virge was an important tool which could be used to herd animals, or even rowdy individuals to the side so the procession could move to the church. Today we don't have to deal with much more than stray kids and clergy anymore, but we still support the time-honored Episcopal procession to begin our service, and the often unseen duty of 'helper'.

At Trinity Episcopal Church in Midtown, a verger serves as a kind of Master of Ceremony of the service, and "helper" for the other groups attending to the service. The role starts well before the service and includes supporting these other service groups or ministries as necessary. It is the verger's responsibility to ensure that all the pieces come together in time to begin the service. During the service the verger has responsibilities for marshaling people to their correct places in a timely manner. And finally, a verger is a representative of the service who may often be called upon to interface to people who are new or just unsure about what to do next. Vergers are prepared to greet people and help them feel more comfortable with our church.

This year's Verger Ministry is comprised of four regularly scheduled vergers, Ron Mailloux, Alex Bruton, David Villareal and Christian Bearup, as well as an alternate verger, Steve Lee, who adds to the verger ranks during holiday seasons to ensure coverage of all the services. One of the key focuses during 2023 has been additional verger training in an effort to perform a more consistent verger role for each of the services. As part of this effort, the Verger Customary has been updated and enhanced to include more details of what a verger's responsibilities are and how to perform them. As services continue to evolve, we work to add roles and support responsibilities to ensure our services work smoothly.

At this time, we have sufficient verger staff to meet Trinity's needs, but would certainly like to have others join our group to share in the fulfilling service we perform for our church. If you are interested, please contact me or any one of the other vergers! And have a blessed day!

Ron Mailloux  
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*"The ministry of the vergers is to help to lead the church in bearing witness in the world to the hospitality of God, by helping the church to be a truly hospitable place, by helping us to worship the Lord our God in dignity, in order, in beauty, and in truth in the church so that we can go forth to witness to that God to the world."*

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
27th Presiding Bishop of the  
Episcopal Church

# The Listening Post

Theresa McClellan

Blessings,

During the first ten weeks of the Tuesday Listening Post, we distributed snacks and beverages to at least 300 visitors. Of those, at least 10 percent will stay and ask for prayer or deeper conversation. Our main population is the homeless and near homeless. But we also attract college students, area workers, and neighbors.

I prayed recently with a young man giving thanks that he chose not to listen to the voices in his head telling him to kill himself. He was initially reluctant to talk to me, saying I would not understand. But with my encouragement, he shared his emotions and his concerns, concluding at the end of our conversation, "I am a child of God too, huh."

I have repeat visitors who like having a friendly face and listening ear and have come to see the Listening Post as their oasis.

We have had two young Spanish-speaking men who frequently return to practice their English. A young family looking for a restaurant was ecstatic to share their good news and receive prayer upon leaving their doctor's office and learning they were expecting another baby. Some days, we get only 20 visitors during the noon to 2 p.m. shift. Most days, there are 41 visitors unless it's cold.

I keep track of visitors by the number of drink cups I set out at the start of the day. I go through at least a dozen boxes of the 6-pack soft fruit and grain cereal bars from Aldi's, a dozen bananas, and three bags of oranges. I spend about \$35 a week. We benefitted from a windfall of leftover treats from the church during the election that lasted almost a month.

And thanks to Samantha Rainman, we have been recently blessed with 500 goodie bags of treats from St. Mark's Episcopal School.

We have volunteers in Susan Yarbrough, Abby Swearinga, Andrea Wilderman, and Rev. Bradley Sullivan with Revs. Hannah and Luz coming as they can. I am there every Tuesday.

In joy,  
Theresa D. McClellan  
Head of the Listening Post Ministry  
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## LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR 2024



2/13: Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner and  
Burning of the Greens, 6pm in Fellowship Hall

2/14: Ash Wednesday, Services at 7am, 12pm and 7pm  
Ashes to Go, 10am-4pm

3/24: Palm Sunday, Procession Proceeding Service

3/25: Holy Monday, 12pm Service in Chapel

3/26: Holy Tuesday, 12pm Service in Chapel

3/27: Holy Wednesday, 6pm Tenebrae Service in Chapel

3/28: Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm Service in Church  
Watch begins at 9pm

3/29: Good Friday, Liturgy at 12pm in Church  
Stations of the Cross at 1:15pm

3/30: The Great Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm Service in Church

3/31: Easter Sunday, Services at 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm  
Easter Sunday Photo: 12pm on Holman St.  
Easter Egg Hunt: In Abbot's Garden after Parish Photo



**APRIL 7TH @  
3PM**

**FAMILY  
PICNIC**

**FRANCIS ST. LAWN  
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HOUSTON, TX 77004**

Hot dogs provided, please bring dish to share.



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APRIL  
**12-14**  
2024

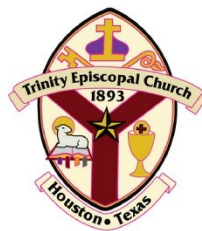
# ALL PARISH **RETREAT** *at Camp Allen*

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**APRIL 12-14**

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*All Are Welcome*



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MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
NECROLOGY REPORT

The following is a list of those persons deceased during 2024 that were members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church:

*Nick Skarich*  
*Mike Lemansi*  
*Ollie Young*  
*Tyre Nichols*  
*Suzanne Brinsmade*  
*Patricia Feuerborn*  
*Cintra Todd*  
*Thomas Leone*  
*John Stempien*  
*Vinod Hopson*  
*The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III*  
*Rev. Greg Buffone*  
*Larry Lanning*  
*Ava Lyndsey*  
*Ada Judge*  
*Michelle Blackman*  
*Virginia Robertson*  
*Rafael Goecke*  
*Bertha Effingham Lawrence Newton Davison Herrera*  
*Tomm Weichel*  
*Marilyn Dyess*  
*Emily Sumner*  
*Christina Belden*  
*Tony Martinez*  
*Mildred Dimchak*

*Darcy Casavant*  
*Barbara Ehrland*  
*Ollin Chavez*  
*Vesta Eidman*  
*Pam LeGrande*  
*Maria Victoria Zubiria Calbeton*  
*D.J. Hayden*  
*Zachary McMillian*  
*Ralph Oragwu*  
*David Nelson*  
*Larry Payne*  
*Robert Vaughn*  
*Phil Turley*  
*Don Olson*  
*Chester Joseph Stasney, Jr.*  
*Denise Ray*

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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