Annual Parish Report

January 2020

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AGENDA

9:15 a.m.	Welcome	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
	Opening Prayer	The Reverend Dr. Henry Atkins, Canon Theologian
	Election Procedures	Teddy Adams, Chancellor
	Presentation of Vestry and Council Delegate Candidates	Alice Davidson, Head Teller
9:30 a.m.	Children's Activities Begin	Atrium
	Balloting	Ushers and Election Committee Members
	Treasurer's Report	Larry Laubach
	Junior Warden Report	John Escoto
	Recognition of Outgoing Vestry	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero
	Senior Warden's Report	Amy Luke
	Rector's Report	The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero
	Memorial to Deceased Communicants	Mary Cloud
10:10 a.m.	Closing Hymn	Collin Boothby, Organist/Choirmaster Trinity Choir

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

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!

New Members

Baptized

Jeremiah Hatter Alexander
Reagan Gilmore
James Colby Goetschius

Confirmed

Elizabeth Leigh Atkins
Janis Lynn Nelson
James Colby Goetschius

Reception

Gus Elizondo
Julie Keck
Lauren Groth

Reaffirmation

Patricia Emerson
Jackie Rose
Karen Roach
Karen Schuller

Transferred in 2019

Marcy Antiuk
Andrew Nelson Keck
Marjorie Messinger
Chris Newman
Harold Robertson
Jeanne Sommerfeld
Alberto de la Fuente
Madeline Mauk
Harrison Moore
Karen Roach
James Robert Smith

Rector's Report

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Dear Trinity parishioners, friends, and family,

The grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity has continued to be deeply felt through another year of sacred service in our down-to-earth and active community. I am blessed to continue as the steward of the position of Rector in this diverse, creative, devoted and beautiful parish. Please read through this booklet of reports to get a sense of all that God is working through us here. I love Trinity!

We were able to accomplish most of our mid-term goals set out by our Visioning Team based on Holy Currencies by Eric Law. Those advances in 2019 have led us to seek a way to do more long-term strategic planning in 2020. We are working with the Diocese to implement a program called Holy Cow which has been instrumental for strategic visioning in other parishes around the Diocese and nation. When that process is in place it is our hope that all will participate to the best of their ability in order to set a clear path to all forms of growth in the years to come. This will be a thorough, inclusive and detailed process to set priorities for our mission, resources, and energy.

There were some key staff transitions in 2019 which will take up most of my report this year. In May, Mr. Collin Boothby came on board the Trinity staff fulltime after he graduated with his master's from Rice University. He is still our outstanding Organist/Choirmaster, but also spends time on supporting the vital Connections and Communications ministries. In June, our Administrative Assistant of several years, Ms. Marcia Quintanilla, was called to become Youth Missioner at Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. Tony Sessions stepped in to take on the myriad important responsibilities of that position. In September, our Associate Rector, the Rev. Rich Houser, III, was called as Rector of St. Christopher's Church in Spring Branch. Rich had served at Trinity for five years and as a priest for over ten years, and he was ready to grow in his ministry. We miss him and his family! We do not plan on calling a new full-time Associate Rector at the present time. We have asked the Diocese to place a Deacon to serve with us (a quarter time position). We have also started the process to discern having a fulltime Curate placed here. A Curate in the Diocese of Texas is a recent seminary graduate and newly ordained transitional deacon who begins work in the summer before their ordination to the priesthood in January. They are placed for two years and the parish and diocese share the cost of compensation which varies according to each individual parish. While those positions are in the works, we have been actively restructuring some of the work which was part of the former Associate Rector's responsibilities. Youth Ministry was a priority and we immediately hired Mr. Fabian Berrios as the Youth Ministry Assistant, to cover activities that Rich had planned before

departure. Starting February 2, 2020 Fabian will become our Youth Missioner and be here Sundays to lead the Youth Bible Study as well as implementing a program of activities, lock-ins, mission trips and collaborations that he has designed. Other work has been taken up by lay leaders. Mrs. Terri Fielder is coordinating the Children and Family Ministries through Spring 2020. A Trinity Family Facebook page was set up to facilitate communication between families with younger children by Ms. Saba Blanding. Mr. Jim Castro is re-envisioning our Young Professionals ministry. A team of lay leaders is facilitating Pub Theology and Ms. Theresa McClellan has taken the dedicated lead on expanding the Listening Post. For my part, for now, I have added teaching the Episcopal Way classes, liaison with the Art Ministry, creating power points and slideshows, and officiating at the Wednesday 6pm Eucharist (with assistance from the Rev. Canon Atkins) as well as many behind the scene responsibilities until we can add new positions. Last but not least, in summer 2019, we bid farewell to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium I teachers, Cecilia Bruton and Katy Davidson. Jhenna Hillier and Samuel Romero-Atkins took the extensive Atrium I training and began teaching in September.

I want to thank our dedicated staff, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary: The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr., Collin Boothby, Tony Sessions, Fabian Berrios, April Sloane Hubert, Pelayo Parlade, Ken Jones, Pat Laubach, Larry Laubach, Carol Turley, Carolyn Reyes, Sam Jones, Booker Lakes, James Candler, Rosa Gutierrez, Jhenna Hillier, Samuel Romero-Atkins, Erica Zavala, Yolanda Catalan, Sam Cocina and Kelley Mercer. They are an amazing team in the service of Christ!

I am so grateful to all the members and officers of the vestry! I thank the officers for 2019: Amy Luke, Senior Warden; John Escoto, Junior Warden; Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Teddy Adams, Chancellor; Dana Gannon, Assistant Chancellor; Joanne Starbuck, Clerk; Ben Blanding, Assistant Clerk; and Gayle Davies Cooley, Historian. All these officers will continue to serve in their current capacities except for Joanne Starbuck who will rotate off after seven years of incredible service as Clerk of the Vestry. Ben Blanding will become Clerk and Jim Castro will assist him. I give heartfelt thanks to all the other dedicated members of the vestry: Shelby Bradley, Jim Castro, John Cloud, Norma Cooper, Alice Davidson, Robert Feltenberger, Ann McCoy, David Theis, Carl Thompson, and Libby Tsubai. We work hard, we laugh loudly, and we love God with all our hearts. Thank you for an inspiring year.
Faithfully,

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero

Welcome
7:00 am
L.O.T.S. Holy Eucharist
Historic Church
8:00 am
Holy Eucharist
Chapel
10:30 am
Holy Eucharist
Historic Church
12:30 pm
Jazz/Gospel
Holy Eucharist
Chapel
Trinitymidtown.org
Sunday

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A Look Ahead

JANUARY 2020

05 2 Christmas, Epiphany Blessing Kits, Christmas Lessons and Carols

06 Epiphany, 6:30 Epiphany Service, 7:00 pm Burning of the Greens

12 I Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:30

19 II Epiphany, Jazz Fest featuring the music of Nancy Wilson, 11:00 am, Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday Weekend, (Marathon Sunday)

026 III Epiphany, Annual Meeting, 9:15 am–10:15 am

FEBRUARY 2020

02 Presentation of our Lord, Commissioning of Vestry, Souper Bowl of Caring

13 Ministry Head Meeting – Liturgical

07-08 Diocesan Council in Waco (Friday – Saturday)

09 V Epiphany, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:30 pm

16 VI Epiphany

23 Big Country Mass featuring the music of Ray Charles, 11:00 am

25 Shrove Tuesday 6:00 pm, Pancake Dinner followed by Burning of the Palms

26 Ash Wednesday, Services at 7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm, Ashes to go throughout the day

MARCH 2020

01 Lent 1, The Great Litany

08 Lent 2, Daylight Saving time begins, Concert & Choral Compline, 7:30 pm

15 Lent 3

22 Lent 4, Spring Ministry Fair

29 Lent 5

APRIL 2020

05 Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion, 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, Garden Club Coffee Hour

09 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm, The Watch 9:00 pm – Noon Friday

10 Good Friday Liturgy, Noon, Stations of the Cross, 1:15 pm -2:00 pm
Children's Program 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

11 Holy Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil with Baptisms, 7:30 pm

12 Sunday of Resurrection, Easter Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm,
Parish Photo 12:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt following

19 2 Easter

26 3 Easter

MAY 2020

03 4 Easter, Youth Visioning + End of the Year Youth Party and Garden Tour

10 5 Easter, Mother's Day, Flowers and Cards, Second Sunday Concert & Choral Compline, 7:30 pm

17 6 Easter, Graduates +Teacher +Acolyte Recognition

24 7 Easter, Memorial Sunday, Bishop Ryan visits, Confirmations

31 Pentecost Sunday Volunteer Recognition

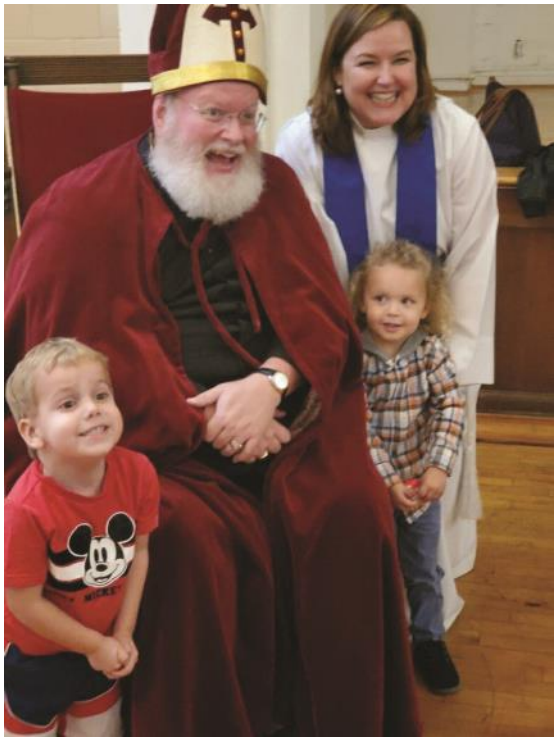
JUNE 2020

07 Trinity Sunday, Endowment Board Recognition

14 Pentecost 2, Children's Chapel begins, Second Sunday Concert & Choral, 7:30 pm

21 Pentecost 3, Father's Day

28 Pentecost 4



Senior Warden's Report

Amy Luke

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as Senior Warden for the past year. It is a delight to work with the members of the Trinity community. You are a dynamic, diverse, loving church family that is dedicated to living Trinity's mission of *Making God's presence real by sharing Christ's life-changing love*. I see this mission in action at Trinity every day, thanks to you. Thank you all for the work you do and the gifts you offer.

This past year was one of continuing to regain our bearings following a 2018 that was marked by recovery from Harvey and all that entailed. The Vestry spent a good deal of time reviewing and consolidating the work done by the Visioning team with our goals in order to have a single, simplified guide to focus our work. This will be enhanced by a strategic planning effort in 2020.

Our membership increased slightly, and our average Sunday attendance remained steady. While the numbers may not seem large, general trends are toward declining church membership and attendance. We can all help build on this by reaching out to others to let them know what Trinity offers and that there is a place for them here!

We had several changes in our staff in 2019, as detailed in the Rector's Report. While transitions can create challenges, they also present the opportunity to take a fresh look at the staffing needed in order to best support Trinity's programs. We will include that in our 2020 strategic planning efforts. We have a small paid staff and we are fortunate to have several extraordinarily dedicated volunteers. Together, they do an incredible job of keeping Trinity and its myriad programs and activities going. I am often amazed at how much we do here, but I also know that we could do so much more with some additional staff. Of course, in order to add staff, we must have the necessary funds.

The Vestry currently expects to be working with a balanced budget for 2020, after some years of deficits, which were made up by dipping into reserves. This is due, in part, to the departure of our Associate Rector, but we also did a careful budget line item review and identified several small reductions that would not impact programs.

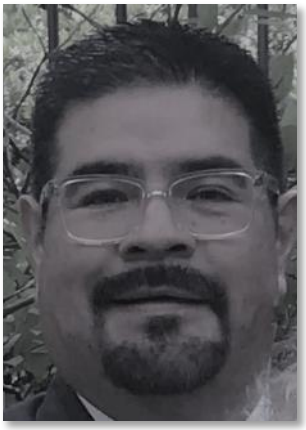
Trinity's parishioners are wonderfully generous. As just two examples, the responses to the Border Donation Drive and the Bahamas hurricane relief drive were incredible. Pledges increased in 2019 and are on track to increase again for 2020, but I hope we can do more. Less than half of our parishioners make a regular financial pledge to Trinity. Our average pledge has decreased over the past few years and it is currently less than the average pledge across the Diocese. The days of a few large donors to support the parish are long past, so it is important for all to participate in supporting the parish financially as they are able. The pledges of our parishioners enable the day to day work of fulfilling Trinity's mission. With greater participation, we can do even more!

We Are Trinity! We share Christ's love in this community every day, feeding the hungry and offering a place where all are welcome. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you!
Peace,

Amy Luke
Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

John Escoto



2019 started much quieter and smoother, allowing myself and the property committee time to reorganize and assess the ongoing maintenance needs of Trinity church after a year full of various property renovations in 2018.
One major necessity we accomplished was the installation and maintenance of an AED Defibrator. Rhonda Rogers (previous Junior Warden) purchased and donated a new unit in Loving Memory of her mother, Erine Blackman. The unit can be easily be found in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall and auditorium stage door.
We continued to work with FEMA in hopes to receive requested funds from Hurricane Harvey (2017). The related delays have been unfortunate as the committee has a contractor selected, ready to repair the ceiling in Fellowship Hall and put this reminder of Harvey behind us! Many thanks to Steve Lee who has taken on the responsibility as the church liaison overseeing all the meetings and information request that come from FEMA. Without his persistence and diligence (2+ years), we would be a forgotten memory.
The mechanical systems (heating and air conditioning) of the church were also maintained and repaired as well as different electrical repairs needed throughout the property (i.e. breezeways, chapel, garden and fountain areas, and interior lighting). We suffered a severe power surge during a major rain storm that caused minor damage to the mechanical systems on the property. The air conditioning was out for 2 days and back online with help from one of our more reliable contractors.
The property committee spent time researching and understanding the discoloration on the exterior of the church limestone walls and its negative effects. Besides the discoloration there are factures in the limestones that need to be repaired. After gathering much information from various subject matter experts, a presentation was made to Trinity Endowment requesting a sizable capital expense to execute the necessary work. The Endowment agreed with the findings and approved the funds needed. More information on the restoration plan will be provided at a later date.
Special thank you to the Jackie Rose and the Trinity Endowment for providing Trinity Church the necessary funding to restore the exterior of the church property in 2020.
Lastly, thank you to James Candler for supporting the daily maintenance activity at the church and assisting the property committee with projects as needed.
The Property Committee meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month to plan and prioritize activities for the church properties (Historic Church, Bering House, and Rectory). The members include Ben Blanding, Bob Davenport, Bob Dorries, Dan Cooley, Eric Beam, Jim Luke, Larry Laubach, Nick Bilski, and Tim Lawson. Meetings are open to anyone who would like to know more information about what we do.

John Escoto
Junior Warden

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has two trained and certified COGS teachers, Samuel Romero-Atkins and Jhenna Hillier who have enlivened the ministry with their creativity and strong relationships with the children ages 3 through the 3rd grade. COGS meets every Sunday during the school year from January to June and August to December.

Confirmation and Episcopal Way Classes

The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector

Two new courses were implemented this year for our June and November confirmation classes, using a creative and thought-provoking confirmation curriculum.

The Episcopal Way Class featured an online course curriculum option as well as an integrative confirmation course.

ECC (Episcopal Children's Curriculum) Tweens

The ECC Tweens class has seen steady participation with continued teaching by Laura Benavides and Teri Fielder. Tweens meets every Sunday during the school year from January to June and August to December.

Music at Trinity

Collin Boothby, Organist/Choirmaster

It continues to be my pleasure and a blessing to serve as Trinity's organist/choirmaster. 2019 was another extraordinarily successful year with many beautiful liturgies sung in our historic church.

Last year, the Trinity Choir sang for regular Sunday services, choral Compline, a joint Eucharist service with St. Thomas Episcopal Church for Ascension Day, and Franz Schubert's Mass in G in November. I'm thankful for Catherine Reed's diligent work as the Music Librarian – she keeps me organized and the choir binders full of music we rehearse every Wednesday.

The Second Sunday Concert and Choral Compline series, is now well into its second season, which began in September and will continue through June, before breaking for the summer. Did you know that Trinity is the only Episcopal church in Houston to offer sung Compline? It's been a joy to hear other local organists play on the concert series and collaborate with others in chamber music.

In 2018, I piloted a high school choral scholar program - Ritika, our first scholar graduated in May 2019 and is now studying at Duke University. In the fall, I changed course and have started to establish a partnership with Houston Community College, and have hired Sasha Mitchell, who has done an outstanding job in the alto section. Our professional staff singers continue to support the work choir – Errin Hatter, Eliza Nicholson, Tony Sessions, and Harrison Moore are excellent colleagues and all contribute greatly to the success of the choir.

I was fortunate to spend two weeks again in Germany this summer taking organ lessons and playing historic instruments. I wrote last year that, "upon returning to Trinity, I consistently find myself inspired and amazed by the vast capabilities of the Trinity organ," which continues to be true to this day. In February 2019, the Reuter Organ Company from Lawrence, KS, spent a few days working on Trinity's organ – they patched some badly worn out leather. While this is a temporary fix, it should serve us for another year or two while we make plans to replace all the leather. They also tuned every single pipe in the organ, which hadn't been done for quite some time! At the end of my trip, I spent a few days in England where I was able to attend Evensong services in Westminster Abbey and hear one of the last services Stephen Cleobury directed at King's College, Cambridge. Inspiring doesn't even come close to describing the experience. At the same time, I am humbled to be a miniscule part of and feel a little bit more connected to the larger Anglican church's great tradition of liturgical music

From the glorious brass on Easter morning, to the most tender moments of Christmas Eve, it is my joy to serve as the Organist/Choirmaster at Trinity. I look forward to 2020, and making music with you, Trinity. The great theologian St. Augustine said, "those who sing, pray twice". May our song continue to inspire those who hear it, lift up those who are low, and excite those who rejoice.

Soli Deo Gloria
Collin Boothby

Acolyte Guild

John Cloud, Acolyte Master

The members of the Acolyte Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity at the 10:30 service, as well as at many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Fest, weddings, etc. This ministry provides an exceptionally rewarding opportunity to become a vital part of the service. Typically, this may be the first chance that our young people have to actually get directly involved with church volunteer activities. The ministry is open to both youths (8 years and older) and adults (as positions become available).

Our Acolyte Guild currently has twenty-one (21) young Acolytes regularly participating in altar service. In 2020 we will be losing five of our senior Acolytes as they move on to college. We look forward to restoring our ranks soon with some of the younger children who will be turning 8 years old soon.

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

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

Altar Flower Ministry

Samantha Rainman and Joanne Starbuck

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your faithful support!

Altar Guild

Mark Goza and Joanne Starbuck

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

As is the case at Trinity, altar guilds today are groups of men and women who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the space in which we worship. 2019 Altar Guild members included Team 1: Carolyn Reyes and Rick Reyes; Team 2: Mark Goza (team lead) Catherine Guthrie, Margie Messinger and Bethel Quander; Team 3: Alex Bruton, John Bruton, Ron Mailloux and Joanne Starbuck (team lead); Team 4: Linda Davenport, Alice Davidson (Team Lead), Katy Davidson and Madeline Mauk.

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. Light housekeeping and set-up for the LOTS and 8:00 a.m. Chapel services takes place on Saturday. On Sunday morning, the Chapel is cleaned and reset for the 12:30 p.m. service and preparations are then made for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Additional members are needed. If you feel called to serve on this important and fulfilling ministry, please contact Mark Goza at markgoza@gmail.com or Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net. One-on-one training and a step-by-step instruction manual (with pictures) are provided!

Annual Blessing of the Animals

Shelby Bradley, Chair

On Sunday, October 6, Trinity Episcopal Church Midtown celebrated the annual Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This was the 18th year of our celebration, and the first year that Shelby Bradley served as its chairperson.

Saint Francis, the patron saint of animals, believed that the light of God was perfectly reflected in all of nature and nowhere is His essence better revealed than in the unconditional love, companionship, and devotion of the pets we hold dear to our hearts.

Our animal blessing attracts community residents, and this year brought two new lovely dogs and their owners during their afternoon walk. Although fewer people and pets came, those who did attend enjoyed themselves and donated food and supplies to aniMeals on Wheels. Our raffle and floral dedications were also very popular. The dedications, combined with generous donations covered the cost of the event.

I have begun planning our 2020 event, but am so grateful to Kathryn Lanning Herman for her staunch support as I traveled the road she created to make this such a popular and successful happening.

Without the generosity and loyalty of Trinity's members and volunteers, we could not host our pets and their humans. Let's make this year's Blessing of the Animals event even better, together. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11, 2020!

Trinity Archives Ministry

Gayle Davies-Cooley

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

For the past five-and-a-half years, a project has been underway to remedy the situation. To summarize, the archives room was emptied in mid 2013, and the contents moved to a nearby workroom. Shelving, and acid-free file folders, cartons, etc., were purchased for safe, long-term storage, and the process of transferring documents into these new materials was begun. Following a bid process, in mid 2014 the archives room was transformed through remodeling. Most importantly at that time, a new HVAC system and dehumidifier were installed in the room to keep it at an ideal temperature (70°) and relative humidity (40%). This improvement of better climate control helps to preserve the collection since fluctuations in temperature and humidity can contribute to its deterioration. The dehumidifier was replaced in October 2018.

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

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

If you are interested in helping out in Trinity's archives, please contact me at archives@trinitymidtown.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Davies-Cooley
Parish Historian and Archivist

Trinity Art Ministry

Debra Desaulniers

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

Coffee Hour

Emma Treadwell

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

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

Members or friends of the parish are warmly invited to volunteer as hosts by signing up for a Sunday in 2020, either on the Coffee Hour Calendar in the Fellowship Hall, online at Trinity's website, or by contacting Emma Treadwell at treadwellemma55@gmail.com

Trinity Church Endowment, Inc.

Jackie Rose, President

Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. regularly contributes significant financial resources to Trinity Church, Houston. In addition to the $188,000 provided during 2019 to the general budget, the Endowment has approved approximately $671,000 to fund restoration and repairs to the exterior of the church.

As of December 31, 2019, the total assets of the Endowment exceeded $10.2 million.

Contributions to the Endowment can be made in various instances, for example:

To celebrate a birthday, graduation, marriage or other special event;
To honor a friend or loved one;
To memorialize someone upon their death.

Parishioners are also encouraged to consider joining the Bishop Sterling Committee by committing to include Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. in your estate planning. Because of the generosity of parishioners who named the Endowment as a beneficiary in their wills, the assets of the Endowment have grown by several hundred thousand dollars over the last few years.

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

Jackie Rose, President
Mary Cloud, Secretary
Edgar Marston
Marilyn Dorries
Larry Dickerson
Thom Gutherie
Saba Blanding
Rhonda Rogers

Brad Beers, Vice President
Ken Snell, Treasurer
Sarah Frazier
Mike Laster
Steve Lee
Mark Goza
Janet Greene

Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC)

Mary Johns

In 2019 the EAC food pantry ministry has continued to collect non-perishable food items from all the Sunday services. Trinity typically donates several bags of food a week, which are brought to the EAC monthly.

Extra food drives at the Souper Bowl of Caring and for the Jazz Education Holiday concert yielded many additional boxes of food. The food donated from the member congregations supplements food bought for the pantry and donated by local grocery stores. Food is distributed by the EAC as occasional emergency aid, help for working families, and delivery of groceries to elderly shut-ins. Many Houston families are still recovering from recent storms, and these blessings from Trinity help stretch food budgets a little further. EAC is very grateful for all the help Trinity sends!

Evening Prayer

Theresa McClellan

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35, NRSV)

We are a beacon of hope, light, and connection.
The tangible essence of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is the strength and beauty of the family of God within and beyond the walls of Trinity.

And every weekday at 5:30 we try to become that beacon
during our Evening Prayer ministry when we offer the comforting Daily Office Evening Prayer liturgy to anyone who feels drawn to the sound of the bell tolling for the 5:30 p.m. service.

The bell, pulled by one of the lay ministers before the service, attracts the homeless, near homeless and some people who are just walking in off the street and want to be surrounded by the beauty of the sanctuary. We range between 15 and 40 visitors every day.

We have seven ministry leaders with the expectation to grow in the coming year. Our styles are varied, but we each provide solace for a weary soul with the reading of evening prayer during the 30 minute-service followed by the distribution of sandwich lunch bags. As they leave, each one receives a smile, a handshake, and sometimes a personal prayer.

Members of this ministry are: David Theis (Mondays) Debra Desaulniers (Tuesdays), Theresa D. McClellan and Ron Mailloux (Wednesdays) Steve Borden and Danya Corkin (Thursdays) and John Merullo (Fridays).

As ministry head, Theresa D. McClellan coordinates scheduling, facilitates communications and recruits additional lay ministers who are licensed by the Diocese as worship leaders.

This ministry could not happen without Booker Lakes, Volunteer Coordinator Pat Laubach, the Trinity Sandwich Maker Ministry, and our pastor Rev. Hannah.

Funeral Ministry

Mary Cloud

Trained volunteers work with family members of the deceased to ensure that arrangements go smoothly before and during the funeral service. Rather than a traditional funeral service, families sometimes elect to hold a memorial service for their loved one. Arrangements may specify separate services at the columbarium located on the Church property. You can contact Mary Cloud at mhcloud@sbcglobal.net for more information.

The Listening Post

Theresa McClellan

On April 6, 2018, the Listening Post opened on the Holman Street sidewalk with a table of snacks, a water cooler, and empty chairs. And every Friday from noon to 2 p.m. strangers on the street encountered a listening ear with this ministry of presence.

The Listening Post was the dream of former assistant rector the Rev. Rich Houser who was inspired by a similar program at Appalachia University. Father Rich has moved on but parishioner Theresa D. McClellan continues the weekly ministry with occasional volunteer listeners. During the two -hour sessions, strangers find a place to share and shed their emotions, their joy, their sadness, anything on their minds.

The pedestrians, many who are homeless and often unseen, have been brought to tears expressing feelings of being blessed at the opportunity to be heard and seen. The empty chairs have also attracted workers, nearby college students, and area residents. Some just stop long enough to grab a snack while some sit and talk, eager to share a moment of their life. Snacks of granola treats and fruits, ice water and hot cocoa are provided by Trinity.

The Listening Post has attracted young college-age volunteers to sit in as listeners and there are plans to grow the ministry which attracts from 2-10 people stopping to talk during that two-hour window.

Greeter Ministry

Dana Gannon

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

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

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

Thank you to our wonderful Greeters Dana Gannon, Steve Lee, Mary Peterson, Nancy Toberman, Terri Torres, and Alexis Thompson for a great year. The Greeters Ministry is always looking to add to our ranks. Anyone who is interested should contact Dana Gannon at danamgannon@gmail.com

Trinity Garden Club

Sylvia Drew
Tony Huffman

The Trinity Garden Club is the oldest ministry at Trinity, the stewards of Trinity's six gardens for over 50 years. The Garden Club meets on the first Fridays September Through May at 10:30am in the Smith Room. January through March are speaker spotlighted meetings, our members taking turns hosting a light luncheon after each meeting. If weather permits, members work in the gardens after our meetings. There are a few Saturday garden work days that are posted in the Trinity newsletter. In 2019 bulbs, flowering shrubs, flowering plants and flower seeds were planted.

The Garden Club maintains the seasonal flowers surrounding the St. Francis fountain within the Bishops garden.

The Garden Club hosts a coffee in November that spotlights *kindness,* presents the parish with a Christmas tree fully decorated with handmade Chrismons in December, prepares a lavish coffee hour on Palm Sunday, and a self-guided tour of the six gardens of Trinity, with refreshments on the first Sunday in May. The Garden Club also donates the potted flowers that decorate the tables at the LOTS Thanksgiving luncheon. A few Sundays each year, the Garden Club cuts, arranges and displays flowers from our church garden as alter flowers.

The Garden Club offers garden related presentations at Wellness Saturdays ranging from healthy cooking demonstrations to square foot gardening.

A "cookie bank" was initiated by the Garden Club, requesting that packaged cookies be donated by church members to be stored in the refrigerator to be available if no one volunteers to host a coffee hour.

The Trinity Garden Club is a haven for gardening advice, kind friendships and loving service to the church.

Sylvia Drew

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The Hospitality Apartments Ministry

Joanne Starbuck

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

Mary Cloud, Carrie Hirdes and Joanne Starbuck served as Trinity's Lay Eucharistic Ministers on the fourth Sunday of each month. A Communion and prayer service is offered in the Community Room for residents and their caretakers. Trinity's partners in this enriching and rewarding ministry are St. John the Divine and St. Mark's.

Lord of the Streets Breakfast

Ann R. McCoy

Lord of the Streets (LOTS) began as an outreach program of Trinity in 1987 under The Rev. Steve Bancroft and a number of caring and committed Trinity parishioners.

In 1993, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas adopted LOTS as a separate "evangelistic mission" charged with addressing the holistic needs of homeless Houstonians.

Today Trinity continues to support LOTS by opening the sanctuary for Sunday services, funding breakfast every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall, soliciting donations for the LOTS clothing and hygiene Center, and providing the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for LOTS parishioners and our homeless neighbors.

Our Trinity LOTS Cook Team had a rewarding year. Each Sunday, approximately 200 LOTS parishioners eat breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. In 2018, we prepared breakfast 4 times, including cooking for LOTS on Easter Sunday. Bob and Linda Davenport and many Trinity LOTS volunteers serve as greeters throughout the year to make sure that parishioners feel welcomed. We could not host our weekly breakfast without the leadership of Samuel, James Candler, Sam Jones, and Booker Lakes.

On November 21st, the Trinity LOTS Cook Team prepared Thanksgiving lunch for over 160 LOTS parishioners. Our efforts this year were strongly supported by Sheree Thompson, Alli Jarrett of Harold's in the Heights, and Mike Puccio at The Beacon.

Grateful thanks for the continuing support of the Parish and our devoted cook team volunteers (including Joe Brimberry, Charles Cooper, Carolyn Hollrah, Steve Lee, Jim and Amy Luke, Frank Ramig, and Ben Semmes) who worked throughout the year and to the many parishioners who contributed to the success of our Thanksgiving feast (including, Tom Berhman, Shelby Bradley, Norma Cooper, Nancy Dawson, Robert Feltenberger, Sarah Flick, Pamela and Timothy Lawson, David Marsh, Pauline Maybee, Jimmie McCoy, Christine Oramaisonwu, Bethel, Jack, and Katie Quander, Samantha Rainman, Carolyn Reyes, Marcia Warren, Alison West, and Michele White).

In 2020, we will continue fulfilling Trinity's commitment to advance LOTS' mission as it ministers to the spiritual, social, and physical needs of Houston's tired, poor, hungry, homeless, and needy.

Lord of the Streets

Lay Ministers

Linda Davenport

Every Sunday, rain or shine, dedicated volunteers welcome over 150 homeless and disadvantaged neighbors for Eucharistic worship. Volunteers assist in all aspects of this unique service. You can be as involved as you like. Some first time volunteers choose to simply model worshipful behavior as members of the congregation. Others like to hand out service materials along with a welcoming smile. We make stick-on name tags for the worshipers, help them find seats, take offering, assist in the Eucharist, hear personal prayers, or help clean-up after the service. No training is necessary. It is the most fun you will ever have at 6:30 on Sunday morning. The gratitude and love you receive by being part of this ministry will bless your week. Regular or occasional help is welcome. Contact: Linda Davenport: lindadavenport421@yahoo.com,
Bob Davenport at bluchat2@yahoo.com or just show up in the church any Sunday at 6:30AM.

Newcomers Ministry

Pat Laubach

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

Welcoming our guests to Trinity is one way to live into our Mission Statement. Our guests are God's weekly gift to us, giving us an opportunity to share with those He sends to us. The Greeters and Newcomers teams for all three services provide a welcoming atmosphere for all who come to Trinity.

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

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

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

We have been diligent in the process of inviting and welcoming, but we have needed more support for the "connection" part. Collin Boothby develops and maintains the connection that is a key component to helping those new to our community find a special worship home.

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

Parenting with Grace

Sarah Frazier

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

Our readings over the past years have included books such as Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child by John Gottman and The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children, To Dance with God, about ritual and household practice for all the church celebrations of the year, and The Gardener and the Carpenter by Alison Gopnik. This year we're reading All Joy and No Fun by Jennifer Senior, which takes a critical look at parenthood today, what shapes recent changes, and how the experience affects parents as well as children. We have been pretty faithful to our schedule, and we've got a stable group of parents who attend regularly and enjoy each other.

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

Photography Committee

Elmer Romero

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

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

I hope you will consider becoming a part of this team who, through the camera lens, desires to forever capture the life of Trinity for future generations.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Norma Cooper

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to anyone interested in praying when requests are received. We at Trinity Mid-town believe in the power of prayer. *Ephesians 6:18 reminds us to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.* We receive requests for our Trinity family, as an example, illness, loss of loved one, families in need, or someone who request 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 sent to the church office via email or phone call. We currently have 44 members participating in this prayerful ministry. If you would like to be part of this ministry, or if you have prayer needs or requests and would like prayers by this group, please contact Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.com or 281-435-5978.

Sandwich Makers

Erma De Wispelaere and Bob Dorries

Two groups of Sandwich Makers meet monthly; both groups have been active for the entire year. The Tuesday group meets every 1st Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30-12:00 and the Sunday group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service. Both groups have a very faithful core of supporters, though we can always use more volun-teers. No special training is needed. Special mention needs to be made of Pat Laubach, who does the order-ing, pick-up, and buying for all the bread and meat for the Sandwich Makers Ministry.

Signature Music Masses

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero

Several times a year Trinity offers a unique worship experience in the style of signature music masses. These musical masses are in keeping with the musical diversity celebrated at the church over the past 17 years. The stylistic offerings so far have been a Bossa Nova Mass, Country Mass, Big Band Mass, Glorious Gospel, Romero Folk/Jazz Suite and the annual Jazz Festival that culminates with our largest music mass. We have won two awards from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for our 2017 Merle Haggard Mass and 2018 Glen Campbell Mass. 2019 featured Nina Simone in our Jazz Mass, Waylon Jennings in our Big Country Mass, and Franz Schubert's Mass in G in November.

Bishop Sterling Endowment Society

Marilyn Dorries, Chair

As we begin a new year many of us begin to plan or rethink our future that sometimes includes estate planning. The Bishop Sterling Endowment Society was formed in 2004 to encourage Trinity Church members and friends to include the Sterling Society as part of one's legacy with the church. By contacting our Rector Hannah Atkins Romero, you can express your desire to become a member of the Bishop Sterling Endowment Society and to transfer a desired portion of your estate to the Trinity Endowment.

Another way to donate to the Endowment is through gifts in Honor, Memory or Thanksgiving. Each year the fund grows as contributions are received in this manner.

As needed, The Endowment Board Directors approve funding for general repairs and improvements to the full block of property that Trinity Church occupies as well as to the Rectory. As needs occur it is a blessing to have ample funds available to maintain and make improvements to these properties. In addition, the Endowment supplements normal operating expenses of the church. Trinity is indeed fortunate to be a vital part of the Midtown Community in the fourth largest city in America.

The Directors of the Endowment Board meet quarterly to review the investments and to make financial decisions on how best to prudently use these funds for the betterment of our historic and beautiful church. As Directors we take our task responsibly and in the interest of all church members. To those who have donated the past year we sincerely thank you for your contributions.

Stewardship Report

Libby Tsubai

**"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34)**

The "Transforming Generosity" Giving Campaign of 2019 focused on building and sustaining awareness around giving, with attention to Trinity's financial status and operational needs. Among many communications and activities was a weekly "Spotlight on Stewardship" that highlighted various aspects of generosity, including interviews with parishioners regarding giving practices and perspectives.

"We Are Trinity" is the overall theme for 2020. The logo is a symbolic image of the Holy Trinity, found in a section of the beautiful stained glass in Morrow Chapel. It's the visual and verbal expression of our faith, our unity, and our presence in the community.

The current 'giving season' began in 2019 with a well-attended Kickoff and Diversity Celebration on October 20, followed by an Ingathering Sunday service and catered lunch on November 10. In February 2020 our campaign will expand to include "I Love Trinity" and "Heart of Midtown" themes, beginning with a special coffee hour on the Sunday following St. Valentine's Day.

"We Are Trinity" means that we come together with time and talent to run our mission and ministries, and treasure to power them. Christian stewardship is a call from God to our hearts, asking us to gratefully acknowledge the many blessings bestowed on us by gifting them forward. In doing so we are empowered to extend Christ's unending and transforming love to others. This year we are focusing on giving as a spiritual practice by encouraging the prayerful question...

God, what are You calling me to give?

Annual Giving Report 2019	
Total Amount	442,434
Total Pledges,	126
Increased Pledges	49
New Pledges	16

Annual Giving Report 2020 (as of January 22, 2020)	
Current Amount	388,892
Current Pledges	111
Increased Pledges	30
New Pledges	17

Thank you to the following pledgers for supporting Trinity ministries in 2020.
We encourage all who have not yet done so to turn in a pledge card.

Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Adams, Jr
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Alderman
Ms. Elizabeth Atkins
The Rev. Hannah Atkins & Mr. Elmer Romero
The Rev. Canon & Mrs. Henry Atkins

Mr. & Mrs. C. Thomas Behrman
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Blanding
Collin Boothby
Mr. Paul Bower
Ms. Shelby Bradley
Ms. Lovette Doris Browne
Mr. & Mrs.. Alex Bruton
Mr. Richard Byrd
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Caldwell
Mrs. Mary Callaway
Mr. Jim Castro
Mrs. George Church
Mrs. Donna Cloteaux
Mr. & Mrs. John Cloud
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davenport
Ms. Alice Davidson
Ms. Winnie Davis
Ms. Mary Jo Detweiler
Mr. & Mrs. Andy DiRaddo
Ms. Joyce Drew
Mr. & Mrs. William Durham
Mr. Ken Dykes & Ms. Erma De Wispelaere
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Edgar
Dr. Patricia Emerson
Mr. & Mrs. John Escoto
Mr. Robert Feltenberger
The Rev. Robert and Dr. Sarah Flick
Ms. Theresa Fobbs
Mr. James Goetschius
Liz & Pat Golman
Mr. Mark Goza
Mr. Lauren Groth
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Guthrie
Dr. & Mrs. Scott Hickey
Ms. Yvonne Hillier & Ms. Mary Snyder
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Hirdes
Mr. Vinod Hopson & Ms. Jennifer Ward
Mr. Tony Huffman
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hutton
Mr. Kenneth Jeck & Mr. Carlos Caballero
Mr. Kenneth Jones & The Rev. Francene Young
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Laubach
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Lawson
Mr. Stephen Lee
Dr. Paula Lewis-Patterson
Ms. Velma Lloyd
Ms. Toni Longino
Mr. & Mrs. James Luke
Mr. David Marsh

Mr. & Mrs. Gianni Matteucci
Ms. Madelene Mauk
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Maybee
Dr. Ann McCoy
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McGinty
Ms. Ginny Mercardo
Mr. John Merullo & Mr. George Zemanek
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Messinger
Ms. Linda Riley Mitchell
Mr. Harrison Moore IV
Ms. Sandra Montes
Ms. Wanda Mullen
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Obregon
Mr. & Mrs. Chesson Olawaiye
Ms. Deborah Owens
Mr. & Mrs. John Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. Les Prebilsky
Mr. Stuart Purdy
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Quander
Ms. Samantha Rainman
Mr. Jeffrey Reck & Ms. Debra Desaulniers
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Reed
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Mrs. Jackie Rose
Dr. William Sager & Dr. Kerry Ward
Mrs. Kathryn Schuller
Mr. Marc Sennewald & Ms. Sarah Frazier
Mr. Tony Sessions & Mr. David Villareal
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Snell
Mr. Robert Snellgrove & Mr. Tony Waguespack
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Starbuck
Ms. Leah Stasney
Mr. Miguel Stonecipher
Mr. Stephen Sunquist
Mr. Michael Tabert & Ms. Dana Gannon
Mr. & Mrs. David Theis
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Thompson
Ms. Sheree Thompson

Ms. Nancy Toberman
Ms. Delores Treadwell
Ms. Emma Treadwell
Ms. Samantha Treadwell
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tsubai
Dr. & Mrs. Philip Turley
Ms. Victoria Varteressian
Angelita Williams
David Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Damon Walton, Jr.
The Rev. & Mrs. Robert Wells
Mr. & Mrs. Dick White
Ms. Michele White
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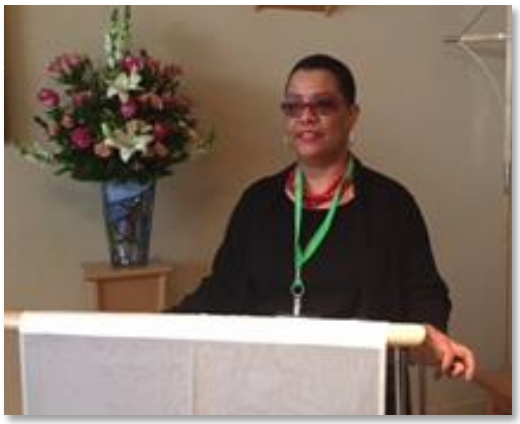
Trinity Jazz and Gospel Service Lay Ministry



Paul Bower & Linda Wise Davenport

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Jazz and Gospel Service Greeter Ministry

Paul Bower

The Trinity Jazz Service Greeters is a heavenly calling.
Greeting participants and being able to call them by name is an important step in the welcoming process.

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

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

Please contact Paul Bower for more information at bowerp2003@yahoo.com.

Trinity Wellness Open House

Saba Blanding

Trinity Wellness Open House occurred in September and Advent 2019. This year's offerings included yoga, writing, cooking, Thai chi, meditation and vision boarding. These sessions are an opportunity to nourish your heart, mind, and soul with Trinity community. All are welcome.

Office Volunteer Ministry

Pat Laubach

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

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

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

Thank you to all the volunteers who labored so faithfully in 2019.

Yoga at Trinity

Saba Blanding

Yoga at Trinity currently meets every Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at noon in the Tweens room. Each class is one hour. This is an all-levels class led by Saba Blanding, RYT 200. All are welcome.

Trinity Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet
December 2019
Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts		
Assets		
Current Assets		
Checking Accounts		
1-100100 - Operating Account	$97,080.65	
2-100101 - Rector Discretionary Account	$1,826.56	
3-100102 - Associate Rector Discretionary Acct	$43.28	
Total Checking Accounts	**$98,950.49**	
Other Current Assets		
1-100150 - Petty Cash	$300.00	
Total Other Current Assets	**$300.00**	
Total Current Assets		**$99,250.49**
Investments		
General - Church		
1-101100 - Amegy Bank Savings	$3,670.05	
1-101101 - Merrill Lynch Investment Account	$318,435.80	
1-101103 - US Savings Bonds-11/1992-11/2022	$55,236.00	
Total General - Church	**$377,341.85**	
Total Investments		**$377,341.85**
Accounts Receivable		
1-104100 - Church Receivables	$7,417.13	
Total Accounts Receivable		**$7,417.13**
Endowments - Perm. Restricted		
1-101120 - Trinity Endowment Fund	$10,295,670.84	
1-101130 - Rockwell Endowment Fund	$331,011.15	
Total Endowments - Perm. Restricted		**$10,626,681.99**
Fixed Assets		**$5,523,381.04**
Total Assets		**$16,634,072.50**
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Prepaid Pledges		
1-203100 - Future Year Pre-paid Pledges	$18,800.00	
Total Prepaid Pledges		**$18,800.00**
Accounts Payable		
1-203105 - Accounts Payable	$4,873.93	
1-203106 - Credit Card Charges	($335.76)	
Total Accounts Payable		**$4,538.17**
Total Liabilities		**$23,338.17**
Fund Principal		
1-201120 - Trinity Endowment Fund	$10,105,904.42	
1-201130 - Rockwell Endowment Fund	$338,283.84	
1-299990 - Fund Principal	$6,027,723.95	
Total Fund Principal		**$16,471,912.21**
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	$138,822.12	
Total Restricted Funds		**$138,822.12**
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		**$16,634,072.50**

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Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Bud. Remaining (Encumbered)	Annual Budget (This Year)
Revenues				
Donor Tithes and Offerings				
Pledged Income	$108,115.00	$496,767.28	($5,983.28)	$490,784.00
Special Offerings	$31,970.36	$56,006.94	($480.94)	$55,526.00
Total Donor Tithes and Offerings	$140,085.36	$552,774.22	($6,464.22)	$546,310.00
Other Income	$40,201.02	$223,027.90	($77,833.90)	$145,194.00
Earnings on Investments				
Church Investment Income	$3,488.80	$29,312.81	($3,238.81)	$26,074.00
Rockwell Endowment Fund	$1,970.00	$7,880.01	$0.00	$7,880.01
Trinity Endowment Fund	$47,002.71	$188,010.83	$0.00	$188,010.83
Total Earnings on Investments	$52,461.51	$225,203.65	($3,238.81)	$221,964.84
Total Revenues	$232,747.89	$1,001,005.77	($87,536.93)	$913,468.84
Expenses				
Personnel				
Clergy Compensation				
Rector	$12,352.59	$123,862.03	($812.03)	$123,050.00
Associate Rector	$0.00	$55,106.28	$22,986.72	$78,093.00
Other Clergy	$200.00	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	$3,000.00
Total Clergy Compensation	$12,552.59	$180,468.31	$23,674.69	$204,143.00
Lay Staff Compensation				
Lay Staff Salaries	$7,272.10	$74,000.50	($6,678.50)	$67,322.00
Lay Staff Benefits	$602.79	$12,809.47	$4,355.53	$17,165.00
Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense	$1,291.04	$12,627.66	$2,872.34	$15,500.00
Total Lay Staff Compensation	$9,165.93	$99,437.63	$549.37	$99,987.00
Other Personnel Expenses	$816.75	$5,996.00	$376.00	$6,372.00
Total Personnel	$22,535.27	$285,901.94	$24,600.06	$310,502.00
Christian Formation				
Adult	$210.00	$1,372.90	$2,727.10	$4,100.00
Children	$0.00	$1,315.57	$734.43	$2,050.00
Youth	$0.00	$3,275.76	$1,024.24	$4,300.00
Young Adults	$0.00	($235.17)	$1,735.17	$1,500.00
Total Christian Formation	$210.00	$5,729.06	$6,220.94	$11,950.00
Administration				
Office Expenses	$28,859.14	$80,888.70	($2,967.70)	$77,921.00
Insurance	$0.00	$54,891.17	$2,231.83	$57,123.00
Other Administrative Expenses	$49.99	$1,993.13	$306.87	$2,300.00
Total Administration	$28,909.13	$137,773.00	($429.00)	$137,344.00
Building & Grounds				
Lawn/Tree Care	$847.15	$13,549.06	($849.06)	$12,700.00
Maintance/Repairs	$675.66	$9,254.73	$3,995.27	$13,250.00
Plumbing	$512.13	$2,094.13	$155.87	$2,250.00
Electrical Repair	$0.00	$7,111.16	($4,611.16)	$2,500.00
Pest Control	$310.00	$2,910.00	$570.00	$3,480.00
Cleaning Service/ Supplies	$1,960.42	$19,825.41	($750.41)	$19,075.00
Carpet Cleaning	$0.00	$855.00	$1,145.00	$2,000.00
Aircondition Service	$5,451.11	$21,641.53	$2,821.47	$24,463.00
Elevator Service	$285.80	$5,468.18	($2,368.18)	$3,100.00
Boiler Service/Permit	$108.35	$1,149.05	$547.95	$1,697.00
Grease Removal Service	$0.00	$1,139.77	($309.77)	$830.00
Food Dealers Permit-Not for Pr	$0.00	$205.32	($28.32)	$177.00
Total Building & Grounds	$10,150.62	$85,203.34	$318.66	$85,522.00
Diocesan Support	$24,451.25	$97,805.00	$0.00	$97,805.00

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Accounts		MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Bud. Remaining (Encumbered)	Annual Budget (This Year)
Parish Life					
Fellowship		$3,359.63	$17,840.42	$5,259.58	$23,100.00
Worship		$5,156.70	$20,028.88	$311.12	$20,340.00
Music Ministries		$18,767.36	$130,670.68	($16,037.36)	$114,633.32
Pastoral Care		$0.00	$54.10	$45.90	$100.00
General Ministries/Outreach		$14,191.18	$122,541.91	($8,441.91)	$114,100.00
Total Parish Life		$41,474.87	$291,135.99	($18,862.67)	$272,273.32
Utilities					
Electricity		$3,311.42	$47,672.73	($572.73)	$47,100.00
Natural Gas		$707.75	$6,559.76	$440.24	$7,000.00
Security/Fire Alarm/Permit		$0.00	$3,087.80	$2,512.20	$5,600.00
Telephone/Internet		$880.83	$11,010.45	($10.45)	$11,000.00
Trash & Disposal/Permit		$680.42	$4,757.38	($1,467.38)	$3,290.00
Water & Sewer		$679.80	$8,752.96	$3,436.04	$12,189.00
Total Utilities		$6,260.22	$81,841.08	$4,337.92	$86,179.00
Total Expenses		$133,991.36	$985,389.41	$16,185.91	$1,001,575.32
	Net Total	$98,756.53	$15,616.36	($103,722.84)	($88,106.48)

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Summary of Restricted Accounts - Portrait
January to December 2019

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
Temporary Restricted				
Special Offerings				
1-800010 - Rector Discretionary Fund	$8,815.31	$10,751.39	$13,144.79	$6,421.91
1-800020 - Associate Rector Discretionary Fund	$5,617.88	$1,144.00	$6,761.88	$0.00
1-800050 - Women of Trinity Fund	$4,085.93	$0.00	$0.00	$4,085.93
1-800055 - Garden Club Fund	$7,850.30	$215.00	$2,748.81	$5,316.49
1-800060 - Columbarium Fund	$46,526.54	$0.00	$466.37	$46,060.17
1-800065 - Library Fund	$1,684.34	$0.00	$0.00	$1,684.34
1-800072 - Prayer Book Fund	$680.00	$0.00	$0.00	$680.00
1-800076 - Altar Guild	$1,833.00	$1,590.00	$490.00	$2,933.00
1-800082 - Nursery Supplies	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$200.00
1-800090 - Daughters of The King	$907.00	$0.00	$0.00	$907.00
1-800095 - Misc. Directed Contributions	$1,425.00	$4,435.71	$3,674.71	$2,186.00
1-800100 - LOTS Prayer Books Fund	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
1-800102 - Music Fund	$6,518.33	$117.00	$3,434.67	$3,200.66
1-800105 - Prayer Shaw Ministry Fund	$50.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00
1-800110 - AA Good Times Group	$0.00	$3,599.20	$3,561.30	$37.90
1-800115 - Trinity Endowment Contributions	$0.00	$6,805.00	$6,805.00	$0.00
1-800118 - LOTs Breakfast/Sandwich Fund	$10.00	$8,190.00	$8,200.00	$0.00
1-800119 - Acolyte Fund	$2,315.17	$0.00	$144.00	$2,171.17
1-800121 - Youth Mission Trips	$3,655.46	$625.00	$1,375.00	$2,905.46
1-800124 - Organ Restoration	$2,852.00	$67.00	$0.00	$2,919.00
1-800125 - Young Adults-Campus Ministry Grant	$950.00	$0.00	$0.00	$950.00
1-800126 - We Are Family	$0.00	$29,163.97	$29,163.97	$0.00
1-800127 - Strategic Mission Grant	$0.00	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00
1-800128 - Jazz VIP Dinner Tickets	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00
Total Special Offerings	$97,976.26	$72,203.27	$79,970.50	$90,209.03
Reserve & Building Funds				
1-800200 - Improvement/Budget	$66,151.33	$0.00	$50,000.00	$16,151.33
1-800205 - Bering House	$7,703.68	$0.00	$7,703.68	$0.00
1-800206 - Bering House Restoration	$32,461.76	$0.00	$0.00	$32,461.76
Total Reserve & Building Funds	$106,316.77	$0.00	$57,703.68	$48,613.09
Total Temporary Restricted	$204,293.03	$72,203.27	$137,674.18	$138,822.12

Memorial to those who have died

Necrology Report

The following is a list of those persons deceased during 2019 that were members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church:

Mike Andries
Martin Barahona
Fannie Baylor
Noe Cruz
Trayton Davis
Rev. John Donovan
Sylvia Doyle
Nicole DuBois
Ann Flick
Byron Franklin, Jr.
Vincent Galleto
Dr. William E. Harrison, Jr.
Richard Houser, Sr.
Michael Janssen
Kathleen
Norman Kittrell
H. C. 'Chick' Laster
Sandy Lurey
Betty Mason
Homer McDorman
Samuel Blanchard Newton
Judy Olson
Donna Joy Press
Christopher Martin Quander
Oscar Ramirez
Valeria Ramirez
Don Reimer
Winfield Jay Rogers
Dorothy Mae Small
Ariopaja Salinas Solas
Ralph Sprenkles
Danny Talbers
Mark Tellepsen
Joseph P. Williams, Sr.

Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation 525

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)
Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) 76. 76. D

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