
January Challenges

When a new year begins, it challenges us to make the New Year a time of significance. Each year we live is a gift from God, and we should try to let each year challenge us to carry out God's work and ministry. If you add the following challenges to 2010, I think it will make it one of the most significant and special years of your life:

Reach out to Others in Need There are more people looking for shelter, jobs, and ways to put food on the table. These are hard times that have been compared to the Great Depression. We need to expand, not cut back, our outreach ministries that feed, clothe, and provide hope and support to the poor, homeless, untouchables, and imprisoned.

Grow in our Life of Prayer God wants us to help those in need, but he knows we need strength to carry out that ministry. We grow stronger as Christians by the way we pray. Do you have a list of things that you pray for every day? Not things that YOU want, but things that God wants. Can you take on the discipline of praying for a list of no more than five things every day in the coming year? Personally, I pray for Peace and a ceasing of war. I pray for my children and grandchildren. I Pray for God's guidance as a priest and pastor. I pray for our bishop, our congregation, our national Church, and the Anglican Communion. Do my prayers make a difference? Yes! They have changed me. They have matured me and molded me. And, perhaps, my prayers have also changed the world in ways I do not understand.

Support our Church I heard that one of the "Mega Churches" here in Fort Worth announced that for the first time they were not taking in enough money to support their staff and ministries. I'm writing this in December, but I know when January arrives we too may be looking back on a deficit year. In this era of financial difficulty, giving is down in most every religious institution. For all churches, including Trinity, it means continuing to face a hard financial situation that will probably be with us for most of 2010. Remember, we are a church that depends on its members, not on its endowments. Make it a point to support Trinity and her ministries with your prayers, your presence, and your dollars in these difficult times.

Every year brings new challenges. Let's make those challenges work for us and for the mission of the church.

Fr. Fred †



Meeting Our Goal for Holiday Meals



Two hundred Thanksgiving food bags were delivered to South Central Alliance along with six hundred and twenty dollars for purchasing turkeys. Thank you Trinity for your generous response to this annual call to provide a Thanksgiving blessing to many needy families. Thanks also to those who filled and delivered Christmas groceries.



NOTES FROM THE 11:30 SERVICE

by Jan Hughes

The band would like to thank the Reverend ClayOla Gitane for inviting us to take part in her ordination on December 5. What a glorious experience! The liturgy transported us all. We will never forget how the Spirit soared as everyone renewed our baptismal vows and Christ the King's choir sang *Glory Allelu* during the joyful aspersions of God's love.

We want to thank our own Isabel Cain, too, who sang *Veni Sancte Spiritus* like an angel. No one would suspect that, upon arrival, she was surprised to find three additional verses, which she quickly worked out. What a trooper! Isabel is the star in our crown.

And we thank our Sherry Hunt, who helped us work out the deceptively tricky 2/2 count of *Taste and See*. Although she can no longer attend worship, she remains a very important part of our band.

We feel a great kinship with both Christ the King and the Episcopal Church of Parker County, whose fine guitarist Dennis Lasater has joined our monthly practice in Aledo at the Hunts'. We look forward to future collaboration. Blessings upon their new priest and their congregations!

*Remember our monthly potluck on January 13,
right after worship. See you there!*

TRINITY CELEBRATES AN HISTORIC DAY AS CLAYOLA GITANE IS ORDAINED PRIEST

by Senior Warden Frances Cox

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009, The Rev. ClayOla Gitane, Deacon in the Episcopal Church, was ordained to the sacred order of priests. A radiant ClayOla received the laying on of hands by The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, and all the clergy of the Church present.

Music for this beautiful service was provided by the choirs of Trinity, Christ the King, Trinity Contemporary Musicians and the Episcopal Church of Parker County Singers. Organist Debora Clark shared duties with Michie Akin. Fr. Fred Barber and Fr. Jim Hazel served as clergy presenters, and Elinor Normand, Priscilla Tate, Kathleen Wells, Maria Gitane Hillaker, Marti Fagley, Gloria Long and Victoria Prescott were the lay presenters.

Others from Trinity who took part in the service were Fr. Michael Caldwell, who served as Thurifer, Deacon Janet Nocher, Gwen Cariker, A.J. Mathe, Noah Mathe, Genevieve Newsom, Corey Abbot, Stephanie Bruton, and Luanne Kallas-Bruton. Fr. Fred also served as Vester and Litanist.

A lovely reception was provided in the parish hall following the ordination by the two faith communities which The Rev. ClayOla Gitane will serve: Christ the King and the Episcopal Church in Parker County. Special thanks go to Anita Beckman, Celia Ledbetter and Jane Mossbarger for their assistance with the reception.

*“Let your light so shine before men, that
they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven”*

Matthew 5:14, 16

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE TO OUR RETIRING VESTRY MEMBERS



Five vestry members will retire following the January 24 annual parish meeting. They are *Price Hulse*, *Mary Lou Kelly*, *Lynne Stanley*, *Chuck Weidler*, and *Kathleen Wells*. The parish wishes to thank each of these members who have served with distinction.

Price Hulse was the liaison between the vestry and preschool and has assisted the Jr. Warden with decisions regarding the maintenance of our property. *Mary Lou Kelly* has served as our commission leader for Music and Worship, Memorials, and Volunteers. *Lynne Stanley* has chaired the Social Concerns commission. *Chuck Weidler* has headed the Volunteers commission, assisted with Newcomers and provided valuable help in procuring electronic and audio equipment for special events. *Kathleen Wells* was chair of Newcomers during her tenure and has been invaluable in providing legal advice to the parish, serving as Chancellor of the Diocese for the last two years.

Annual Parish Meeting to be Sunday, January 24

Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. combined service. The budget will be presented and five new vestry members will be elected, as well as delegates to the diocesan convention.

2010 Vestry Nominees

Five new parish members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2010. Biographical information and photos of the nominees are available on Trinity's website, on the bulletin board at the church, and in the Sunday pew bulletin.

Clarence Lea
Sandy Liser
Jamye McGilvray
Mark Neyland
Evan Peterson
Karen Shepherd
Jack West



Submit Annual Reports by Friday, January 8

Annual reports from each organization within the parish are due to Linda Santiago by Friday, January 8, 2010.

EYC Looks Back on Successful Fall

This fall semester marked the beginning of a newly rejuvenated EYC program under the direction of Fr. Michael Caldwell, Karen Parrish and many other willing parent hearts and hands.

Service projects for the middle and high schoolers included making and delivering sandwiches to the Union Gospel Mission, turkey basket marking, 'Angel Tree' labeling, sorting and packing, and the popular parking lot duty for two TCU football games. (Stay tuned for how they plan to use the profits from this last.)

They also had time for bowling, movies, games, a Christmas holiday lock-in and (of course) Bible and liturgy study.

Anyone interested in getting more information about the EYC program, please contact Fr. Michael <trinitycurate@sbcglobal.net> or Karen Parrish <karenparrish@prodigy.net>.

Sign Up for Trinity's Own Lenten Devotional Booklet

Each year Trinity produces a Lenten Devotional Booklet which is made available for distribution on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and is also posted on our website. (This year, that will be February 14 as Lent begins February 17.) The booklet contains 47 devotionals, including Easter, and the contributions, which are all written by Trinity parishioners or staff, are based on the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary.

Please indicate your willingness to be a contributor to the 2010 booklet by filling out the form below. On or before January 15, you will receive a notice telling you which day you are responsible for and what the readings are, giving you two weeks (until January 29) to complete your writing.

The readings will consist of one or more Psalms as well as a passage each from the Old Testament, the Epistles and the Gospels. Editor Elinor Normand suggests that you read the lessons several times, perhaps from more than one Bible translation, to let them really sink in. Then write a brief devotional, 250-350 words, reflecting on one or any number of the lessons. You may also include a brief prayer, if you wish, but this is not mandatory. Once you're finished, either e-mail your contribution to <elinormand@yahoo.com> or drop it off at the church office.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

(Please place completed form in envelope marked "Lenten Devotions" found on the kiosk or the table in the kitchen.)

PLACES TO GO AND PEOPLE TO SEE

Trinity Seniors enjoyed a festive Christmas luncheon at the Petroleum Club in downtown Fort Worth on December 15. The next outing will be a visit to the Meteorite Museum at TCU on Wednesday, January 13 and then lunch at Dutch's.

Saturday Supper Saturday Supper will be January 16 at the home of Watson and Patricia Arnold, 2412 Colonial Parkway from 7 to 9 pm. Bring a dish for eight to share and your favorite beverage. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided. This is a great way to get to know your Trinity family in an informal atmosphere.



Thank you to Jean & Tom Wilson, Leigh & Judy Cariker, Stan Elliott & Gale Van Ackeren, and Mary Sheldon for hosting Saturday Suppers during the Fall. A host/hostess is still needed for the March 20 Saturday Supper. Contact Mary Sheldon (817) 975-3409 to volunteer.

SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SUNDAY PEW BULLETIN

The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday Pew Bulletin is 5:00 p.m. on Monday of each week. All announcements are to be submitted by e-mail to Linda Santiago at <ftworthtrinity@sbcglobal.net> and the subject of the e-mail should indicate that it is for the Sunday pew bulletin. Please include your name and phone number. Announcements need to be brief with information pertinent to the event or meeting.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by *Karen Rangel*

Happy New Year!!

Thank you to all the parents and other adults who helped last semester with Sunday School. If you are interested in helping in the new year, even if it's only for a three week session, e-mail me <Rangel_karen@yahoo.com> and we'll put you to work. Can you tell a story, play a game, do a craft—then your help is needed. If you have an idea for a service project for the kids—we need your input.

Sunday School starts up again January 10; this semester we will study the parables. We'll have Sunday School every weekend. Try to bring your children regularly so that they don't miss out on anything. If your kids have friends staying over Saturday night, bring them along.

Children's Church during the 9:15 service (age 4 through 5th grade)

The age 4-2nd grade classes review the readings and study the liturgy.

The 3rd -5th grade classes hold chapel in our converted school room, read the readings, study the liturgy and have plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Sunday School - all ages 3 years to high school

3 years - 5th grade classes meet upstairs after the 9:15 service and break into age groups. (Follow Karen at the end of the liturgy.)

The 6th grade-high school class meets in the basement for Bible study. See Fr. Michael for more information about this age group.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Cindy Drumm
January 2
William Riley
January 3
Diane McKinzie
Gary & Jennie Grassia
January 4
Victor Friese
Victor & Sue Ellen Friese
January 5
Trey Kuhlmann
January 6
Gertrude Elkouri
Stan Elliott
Charleen McGilvray
Seiler Nishimura
Stan Elliott & Gale
VanAckeren
January 7
Nancy Neyland
Barbara Weidler
January 8
Barbara Bice
Billy George
January 9
Ann Drew
Bill Teeter
January 11
Marshall Boykin
Drew Edmonds
Carolyn Lee
Ann Motheral
Mary Sheldon
January 12
David Benson
Ann Neyland
Gabrielle Smith
Jim & Karen Goldthwaite

January 13
Jo Ann Studdard
Michele Williams
John & Betty Dieb
January 14
David Mann
Tucker McKinzie
Gregory Wilson
January 15
Helen Gunn
Sally Harris
Karen Rangel
Beth VanZant
January 16
Mark James
Doug Newsom
Laurie Ray
January 17
Noah Mathe
January 19
Patricia Durham
Kenna Sue Grogan
Glenn Harwell
January 20
Amy Buis
Christopher Goldthwaite
Carolyn Landers
Phyllis Marabeti
Britt West
David Gunn & Kelly Soter
Gunn
January 21
Catherine Neece Brown
January 22
Pamela Rogers
Priscilla Tate

Barclay Berdan III
Daniele DeRoster
January 24
Michael McDaniel
Skipper Shook
Barclay Wilson
January 25
Caroline Britain
Eileen Kuhlmann
Gwen Oberle
Sally Ross
Joe & Jane Romine
January 27
Kevin Mercurio
Melissa Murff
Blain Pelland
Corey Williams
Ned & Sealy Barlow
Victor & Debra Mashburn
January 28
Evan Peterson
Eran West
Gage Yager
January 29
Blain & Laura Pelland
January 30
Jim Pope
Jackson Wilson
January 31
Madeline Relyea
Jane Taylor
Jerry Lobdill & Phyllis
Marabeti

PARISH PRAYER LIST

HEALING

Jane Mossbarger
Ginny Gross
Johnny Campbell
Olivia Sanchez
Shirley Wheelock
Pat Quattrochi
Shannon Christianson
Janice Moran
Ashley Taylor
Dallis Crow
Kathy Woldt
Ava Nanna
Mark McCabe
Terry Ramsey
Jean and Steve Rowe
Sue and Bill Rowe
Peggy Cooke
Jack Mulhalland
Karla Pollock
Richard Blackard
Family of Buddy Rayne
Compton Cooper
Sue Smith
Lissa Sheldon
William J. M.
Alison Evers
Bruce F.
Christian
Karen
Jan Fox
Jerry Laster
Joyce Bills
Fran Gioia
George McGowan
David Fairchild
Helen Gunn
David Koepp
Harriet and Kali Woldt
Sherry and John Tanner
Sande Judson Christie
Dian and Chris Stadler
Rich Wolf
Maryl Buttrey

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS

Paula
Judith
Anna Barosa
Kaye Driscoll
David and Sue Smith

NURSING CARE

Bob Ledbetter
Sherry Hunt
Sarah Schweitzer
Lettie Belle Morgan
Carlene Heath
Marie Grickson
Beverly Haywood
Gwen Oberle
Allie Bearden
H. S. McGilvray

IN THE MILITARY

James Bartley
Rowdy Sargeant
Albert Williams
Andrew Watson
Jacob Campbell
Chris Campbell
Christopher Savage
David Odom
Thomas Vanderberg
Juan Carlos
Katie Schori
William Tremaine
John Culp
Brendan Thacker
Ernesto Gallegis
Sergio Zuniga
Albert Williams
Sarah Orick Williams
Jason Dunn
Luke Reid
Jerry McLaughlin
Chris Naler
Robert Tutt
Brian Contrares

DEPARTED

Annetta Wyatt
Lester Tye
H. Robert Charles
Margaret Voet
Syliva Holland
Mary Haas
Jewel Cook
Stanford Rayne, Jr
Frank R. Elliott
Robert Dunn
Arnold Clark
Jeffery Storie
Alex Khoury
Larry Carr
Harry Antrim



“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand.”

John 10:27-28



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SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am Rite I

9:15 am Rite II *Family Service
with Choir and
Children's Chapel*

10:40-11:20 *Sunday School,
ages 2-18*

11:30 am Rite II *Folk Mass*

6 pm Rite II

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:30 am
Morning Prayer

Tuesday: 11 am *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday: 7 am *Holy Eucharist
followed by breakfast*

Thursday: Noon *Holy Eucharist
followed by Bible study*

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