

IT'S TIME TO GIVE THANKFULLY: 2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

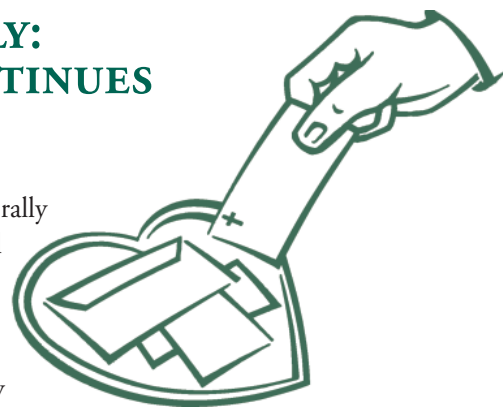
by *Victor Mashburn*

Trinity's annual Stewardship Campaign began Sunday, October 18, 2009, with a rally during Adult Forum to celebrate the differences that make us whole. Trinity Episcopal Church provides each of us with a place of worship that is serene and inspiring. It is an important part of our relationship with Jesus Christ and how we incorporate that relationship into our daily lives.

At the same time, Trinity is being recognized for its leadership in our newly reconfigured Diocese and the vital role it plays in the future of The Episcopal Church in Fort Worth. And as always, Trinity remains committed to its service to the poor and suffering in our community.

The Stewardship Campaign offers each of us the opportunity to express our belief in Trinity Episcopal Church by prayerfully making a financial pledge of support for its ongoing life and ministry. This campaign is very important to this parish. By making a written pledge, you enable the Clergy, staff and Vestry to more accurately budget for the upcoming year. We appreciate every pledge and hope to hear from everyone that pledged last year. And if you have never made a pledge to Trinity, it is easy and you will have several opportunities to do so during the campaign.

On Stewardship Sunday, November 22, we will gather again in the Parish Hall to celebrate what we pray will be a successful conclusion to the campaign. We hope that each of you is thankful for what Trinity brings to your daily life and will pledge your support during the 2010 Stewardship Campaign.

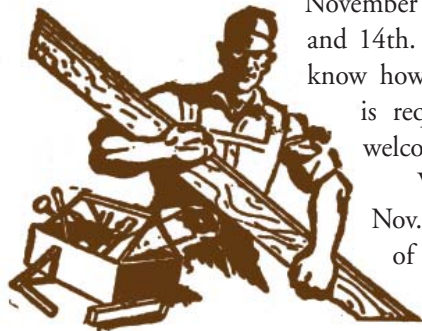


Fall Habitat House Project

Trinity Church is sponsoring construction of a home through Habitat for Humanity again this fall. The family has been chosen to partner with us on this project and is now to put their "sweat equity" hours to fulfill their initial commitment.

We are asking members of Trinity to sign up for work shifts during the actual construction beginning November 6th and 7th and continuing again the following weekend, November 13th and 14th. Those of you who have worked on similar build projects with Habitat in the past know how rewarding the experience can be. And absolutely no previous skill or experience is required. There is plenty of work for everyone. Also, both men and women are welcome—some of our best workers in the past have been women from our congregation.

We are trying to staff a full work crew of ten people on Friday, Nov. 6 and on Saturday, Nov. 7 to handle the framing of the house. The following weekend we will need to staff crews of five people for erecting the roof trusses. Please see Chuck Weidler or John Bradbury to sign up or get answers to any questions you may have. You can contact Chuck at <chuckweidler@sbcglobal.net> or call at 817-737-2194.



A Reason to Tithe?

Let me share with you one thing that has disturbed me about stewardship campaigns over the years. Did you ever hear clergy say that if you give your tithe (give a tenth of your income to the Lord), your own treasure will increase much more than the tithe you gave? This always made me uncomfortable. It made commitment to the Lord sound like investing in a mutual fund: Give a little now, and draw great rewards later. I always thought in my own heart that you ought to give out of the joy of giving. Giving to God's church and for his mission ought to be something you did without the sub-motive of it being a good financial investment.

Well, I am now near the end of my own professional career. In a little over a year I will be retiring. I cannot say that I have been a tither all my life, but I have been over the last decade and more. And as I look at retirement I find it will be more financially secure than I ever thought it would be. I am not rich, but my savings are larger than I thought they would be, and my total retirement is more than I thought it would be. Is this God paying me back for my tithe? Well, in a way... Yes.

When I decided to really be serious about tithing some twenty plus years ago, I made an interesting discovery. I was never going to be able to give 10% of my income to God, if I did not come to some understanding of how 100% of my income was being spent. Sure enough, as I looked over all of my income to find that 10% for God, I found that I was wasting a lot of money. Far more than 10% was going to nothing but interest on car loans, house, and credit cards. I saw that if I could eliminate part of the interest I was paying, I would have my tithe and have money to invest for the future! As I looked again at my income & expenses I saw things that I really didn't need. You don't have to trade a car every four or five years. You can take a cheaper, affordable vacation rather than an expensive one that will put you into debt. You can buy the sedan for half the price of the SUV. So as I searched for ways to tithe, I discovered ways to change my spending. It took years to make the shift, but I did it. And I found not only money to tithe, but money for college for my kids, money for retirement, and money for travel. So tithing paid off for me not only spiritually, but also financially. It made me a better manager of the treasure God had given me.

So, should you tithe to gain more treasure for yourself? NO. It is a terrible reason. Rather, you should tithe to give thanks to God for all God gave you. You should tithe to make God's world a better place. You should tithe so that the great commission can be fulfilled. You should tithe so that people in foreign lands can hear the gospel. You should tithe to help the poor. And IF (as a side-effect) you are rewarded with more treasure yourself, perhaps you ought to consider going well beyond the tithe to show your thanks to God.

Remember the ancient hymn: "*All Things Come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*" (I Chron. 29:2). The joy in returning the Gifts of God is a tither's reward.

Fr. Fred †



AUTUMN IS BEAUTIFUL IN OUR GARDEN

by Mary Kelly



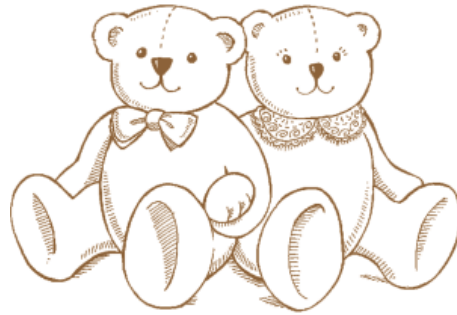
Orange cosmos sway above your head, and roses, purple asters, and native salvias bloom back in the church's south garden. Two pecans and a pergola provide shade and there are benches so you can stay awhile. The entrance to our lovely botanical refuge is near the parish hall's men's restroom or through the gate on the southeast corner of the church. The garden is lovely in the fall and the Garden Guild hopes you can visit before the first frost.

The Garden Guild meets a number of times a year to take care of the south garden and to plant the seasonal flowers at the front of the church. We weed, trim, plant and mulch. If helping out even just once sounds like fun to you, you are welcome. The winter planting day is coming up on Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m. We'll be taking out the summer annuals, planting pansies and mulching. For more information, please call or email Mary C. Kelly: (817) 926-9344 or <mlckelly@charter.net>.

Sign Up to Fill Thanksgiving “Baskets”

It's time to join hands with the Southside Central Alliance of Churches to gather Thanksgiving baskets for families in the 76104, 76109 and 76110 zip codes. Our goal will be 200 baskets this year.

On November 1, sign up lists and the grocery list will be available in the parish hall and bell tower. We will accept sacks of groceries on November 8, 15 and 22. Groceries will cost under \$20 (we'll furnish the turkey), and we are asking you to shop at stores that have paper bags with handles (Central Market, City Market, etc.) If you don't have cash donations will be happily accepted and purchasing turkeys.



Bear Bonanza

Many thanks to all who contributed bears for our Prayer Bear Ministry to Cook's Children's Hospital. Four Hundred Seventy Two bears were delivered in early October. Many thanks especially to Betty Lynn and Nick Georges for organizing this each year!

Make Your List and Check It Twice for Those You Think Are Very Nice

By Dolly Bush

Walmart, Target and other stores are doing it. So is Trinity!! Yes, the stores have had their Christmas items out for over a month now, and Trinity is not far behind with preparing for our Alternative Giving Market.

Don't know what an Alternative Giving Market is? We have the answer to shopping for those members of your family, friends and business associates for whom it is difficult to get the "right" gift at Christmas time. We have a list (below) of items you can purchase at our Marketplace on two Sundays, December 6 and December 13, and you will be given a Christmas card stating what you have given in your recipient's honor.

This is a wonderful gift in so many ways and has become more and more popular with the members of Trinity's parish family. You will have given a tax exempt gift to people in need; you will have given a priceless gift and honor to your own loved ones; and your own heart will be full of thanksgiving for being able to assist those less fortunate than yourself. Plus, you don't need to wrap a gift or lose your Christmas spirit by going to the busy mall and not finding what you hoped you would.

The market will be open before the 8:00 a.m. service and after the 11:30 a.m. service on the two Sundays. So start making your list of the folks you wish to honor with a purchase from the Alternative Giving Market's "Shopping List:" for 2009:

<i>Episcopal Campus Student Ministry</i>	\$20.00	Assisting activities for undergraduate and graduate students, especially at TCU
<i>Episcopal Relief Fund</i>	\$15.00	Food for the Littlest Scholars
	\$35.00	Ducks and Geese
	\$80.00	A Goat
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$ 6.00	Box of Screws
	\$10.00	5 Tubes of Caulk
	\$15.00	6 Studs
	\$125.00	Low Flow Toilet
<i>South Central Alliance</i>	\$ 5.00	Medicine Supplies
	\$10.00	Toiletries for Women
	\$10.00	Toiletries for Men
<i>The Warm Place</i>	\$10.00	Memory Box Materials for 3 Children
	\$20.00	Journal Books for 5 Children
	\$50.00	Sponsor a Child For One Night of Grief Support

Feeling the Love

Thank you, Trinity! The outpouring of love and support Dawn and I feel from this congregation continues. Never before have I felt so good about being pounded. Actually, only one person actually hit me, and that was Dawn when I told her that I was scheduled to serve at the 11:30 service and was, therefore, unable to help her load all those goodies into the car – and even then, Dawn had help loading. We were both surprised that most of it all fit in her car. Of course, she couldn't see out the back ... I was hoping we could weigh it all and share how many pounds of goodies and supplies y'all provided, but Dawn had it all put away before I got home. Sometimes, she's just too efficient. One thing is for sure, we will be feeling the love long into the future as we eat the food and use the supplies. In this chaotic time in our lives (i.e., moving, new jobs, renovating, and such), your prayers, love, and support have been and continue to be invaluable. We felt welcomed from the first moment we visited Trinity. Your generosity and giving spirits are inspiring. Y'all are awesome. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

When the economy (there's that word again) is down and resources are slim, it's easy to narrow your horizon and focus on the short-term; like driving at night, it's easy to focus only on the few feet in front of you illuminated by your headlights. Even in situations like these, there are demands on us that require we keep our attention on a broader horizon and farther down the road. We have to plan for scheduled maintenance and contingencies for the unexpected. All this, I'm sure you know. My point is

that you all seem to have a heart for giving, a perspective oriented toward sharing. It's almost as though someone, at some time, suggested that you give of what you have; and you took them seriously. Your generous hearts and sharing nature will make the unknown road ahead a much easier journey.

It might not make sense to give unto others when your guts tell you to hoard unto yourself; but "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). Being blessed is quirkiest and less straightforward than you might think. It is more than feeling warm and goosey. Imagine a hose with water flowing through it. Imagine that hose has a kink in it that inhibits the flow of water so not so much goes through. Being blessed is like straightening out that hose just a little – more water flows faster and the hose is more in line with how it is designed to operate. Now put that idea on a spiritual level. Being blessed means our hearts and minds are opened up just a little more, that we are more in line with how God designed us to be, and that more love and Spirit can flow through us. There is a link between blessing and gratitude. I'll leave it at that and let you ponder, but I will say that Dawn and I are very grateful for all the goodies, yes, but more so for the relationships we are forming in this parish. We thank Almighty God for entrusting us to y'all, who are dear to us, and your never-failing care and love, knowing that y'all are doing better things that we can desire or pray for. Having received so much, we're feeling pretty blessed.

Fr. Michael †

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AS A CHURCH AND AS A DIOCESE

If you want set out a plan for the future, you need to know where you are and where your people want to go. In that spirit you will soon be getting a survey from our diocese. It will not arrive in the US mail; rather it will be in your e-mail. The survey will help our diocese look toward the future. It will help our leadership design a diocese that is responsive to the needs of our people and obedient to the call of Christ to "feed my sheep." This survey should appear in your e-mail over the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to complete it.

Sometime after the first of the year you will receive another survey that will be sent only to the people of Trinity Church. The purpose is the same. Trinity is in the midst of charting a new course; we are examining our values and discerning what our call is in this important time. We are asking ourselves how we can best serve God's Kingdom and Mission. The leadership of our parish needs your ideas and your input. We hope you will assist the leadership of your church by completing the Trinity survey when it arrives next year.

One of Trinity's own folk, Jerry Nanna, has been working on both committees and was instrumental in forming both survey task groups.

Fr. Fred †

????Can I use the Parish Hall on Christmas Eve????

No, but we would be happy to talk about another date. I know this sounds amusing, but it states a problem that we have at Trinity. We are a growing parish with a growing role of leadership in our diocese. We have small groups, church committees, diocesan committees, and outside civic groups that want to use our facility. We are happy to comply.

But, there is a problem. How do we schedule these various groups that want to use the parish hall, the lounge, the basement, and the library? We have a real problem when we find that two separate groups thought they had the lounge for their meeting at 7pm on Monday night. Has this sort of thing happened? It sure has.

So... we are going to a central system for reserving the church meeting areas. Our Parish Administrator Linda Santiago, is the person who schedules the meeting areas of the church. She sets out the scheduling from the smallest room (the library) to the largest (the parish hall). She also schedules the dates for weddings and special services for the Church. It is a big job, and you can help.

If you are planning a meeting for your group, please call Linda as soon as possible. Remember, we have some folks who reserve the church as much as a year in advance for a meeting or special service. The sooner you call in to reserve the space, the more likely you are to be able to have the time, date and meeting place that you prefer. If you call in the week before, then there is a good chance that your preferred place will be taken.

If you have had a long standing meeting date, can you just assume that the date is yours and you need not request it? **NO.** Fact is, many “long-time” groups have to change their meeting days from time to time. We have even found ourselves assuming meetings were still going on, when the group stopped meeting months before but didn’t tell us. So, if you have a long standing meeting date, make sure you call the office and confirm that you wish to continue that date some time during the first few months of the year. The yearly calendar is constructed in May or June and runs to the following June. The sooner you call in to book the space, the better the assurance you will secure your date. The Church office will also run a meeting request announcement form in the weekly bulletin four weeks in advance of the upcoming yearly calendar meeting. The form will also be on our website so you will be able to request your dates electronically.

Why doesn't the office call you to confirm if you want to keep on meeting on the date?

Because that would be dozens and dozens of phone calls for the church office, whereas it is only one phone call or e-mail for you. And there is always the chance that the church office could overlook or not be aware of one meeting and the phone call not be made. It makes much more sense for you to check in with the church office and confirm your ongoing meeting.

It is a good problem. We have so many meetings that we need to be careful about our scheduling. The church is growing, and you can help us by making sure you contact Linda in the church office and tell her when you want to meet. And if the date is taken, be ready to be a little flexible. We will find a way to accommodate you, but perhaps not be on the date, time and meeting room.

All Saints Episcopal School Hosts Diocesan Convention

The 27th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth will convene at 7:00 p.m., Friday November 13, at St. Christopher Episcopal Church, 3550 Southwest Loop 820, and reconvene Saturday morning at All Saints Episcopal School, 9700 Saints Circle.

The convention will elect a new provisional bishop, vote on changes to the diocesan constitution and canons, vote on resolutions, elect two members of the Standing Committee, one Trustee of the Corporation and one Trustee for Sewanee (The University of the South), and approve a budget.

A reception for the candidate for provisional bishop will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The convention will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Registration will begin on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Moncrief Lower School, and the opening Eucharist will be at 9:00 a.m. in the All Saints School Chapel. The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. (Ted) Gulick, Jr., provisional bishop of Fort Worth, will celebrate and preach.

All church members are invited to attend as visitors. Trinity's delegates are: Len Caddell, Frances Cox, Price Hulsey, Mary Lou Kelly, Cherie Shipp, Kathleen Wells, Chuck Weidler. Alternates are: Betty Lynn Georges and Mark McClary.

Wandering Barlows Wend Way Back to Trinity Pews

by Karen Shepherd

“The Apostle Paul traveled and visited. It’s not negative; it’s a blessing to visit and a blessing to be visited.” So says George Barlow, a much traveled “cradle” Episcopalian who has happily returned to Trinity with his wife Mary Frances. We’re also happy to welcome them back and eager to learn what they have experienced as we look for ways to make visitors feel at home in our church family.

George’s roots at Trinity go a long way back. His parents were members when the church was located on Lipscomb Street, but they had moved out of state as the family grew to five children. George’s father died at the early age of 43, and, because he had always expressed a wish for his family to return to Fort Worth and Trinity if anything ever happened to him, George’s mother, two brothers and two sisters moved back in 1953. George was an acolyte and EYC member at Trinity as a youth.

George attended college and law school in New Orleans and began to practice law there. After he visited St. Andrew’s Episcopal in the residential area known as Carrollton, his letter of transfer “landed” in this smaller community parish. In 1983, he returned to Fort Worth after a divorce. As his priest in New Orleans had suggested that he might be most comfortable in a small church, his letter then found its way to Christ the King Episcopal.

Mary Frances, born in Fort Worth and reared in Amarillo, relocated to Fort Worth with her husband and children in 1973. Her family originally joined St. Andrew’s Episcopal here. She was very soon attracted to Trinity as a result of hearing a sermon by the Rector David Comegys. She and George were married at Christ the King in 1984.

Mary Frances and George decided to make Trinity their church home after their marriage. Mary Frances and then George served terms on the Trinity Vestry. George taught middle school Sunday school and was active with the Episcopal Renewal Center’s programs. Mary Frances trained as an EFM (Education for Ministry) student. But with sadness in leaving wonderful friends at Trinity, the Barlows decided to transfer to All Saints Episcopal so that they could be part of a new church as a new couple.

In 2000, they followed a job opportunity to Schenectady, NY, and joined St. Stephen’s Episcopal which they describe as “a small, sweet church, welcoming and caring.” Like Trinity, it had a diverse congregation and offered opportunities like an annual “jazz” mass and a hand bell choir which Mary Frances joined. Also, like Trinity, the parish found itself theologically moderate in the conservative Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

It was not that way at all Diocese of Albany churches. One Sunday, in an adult forum at another church, George used a metaphor which he had found useful in teaching middle school age kids: that baptism is like a “blank check” in that it’s given to children, written on the Bank of God, but that each person must “endorse” the check and agree to live as a Christian to really receive its benefits. He was asked to leave the meaning of the sacraments to the clergy and not come back. “Worst church visiting experience ever!” says George.

Change came again in 2002; the job in Schenectady had ended. The Barlows put their household goods in storage, packed up the car and drove to Dallas in search of a larger pool of job opportunities. It was here that Mary Frances found her favorite job, working as Administrative Assistant at the Dallas Museum of Art, and they were ready to experience a new kind of church, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal—a huge church with “fabulous clergy and a big program.” Despite its size, St. Michael fostered close relationships between parishioners through its “Neighborhood Shepherds” program and assigned volunteers to call on and nurture members in their own geographic areas. Each new parish family was also specifically assigned a mentor family, and the Barlows report that, even at Christmas and Easter services, it was possible to locate a small group with which you were familiar.

Moving back to Fort Worth in the summer before the diocesan convention split the diocese in 2008, George and Mary Frances weren’t sure what would happen to the Episcopal Church in Fort Worth. For the first time, they visited churches of other denominations but were inevitably drawn back to Trinity with its liturgy, their family members and familiar faces. Having lived many places and experienced many different kinds of Episcopal churches, the Barlows are happy to be home

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at Trinity and unflustered by the diocesan situation. For one thing, Mary Frances relates, “Trinity has gone on with its mission to take the Church to the world. Fr. Fred has been kind about the opposition we face and has set the right tone to move into the future. George adds, “If the direction the Church is taking is good, God will honor it; if it isn’t, He’ll forgive it.” “Meanwhile,” he says, “Hemingway once said, ‘We get stronger in our broken places.’”

Women’s Group Studies Bible in Depth

by Karen Parrish

The Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets at 11:00 a.m. every Friday in the Library. We are into our fifth week of a ten-week Bible Study called “Living Beyond Yourself -- Exploring the Fruit of The Spirit” by Beth Moore.

The format of this study includes five lessons per week that our group members study at home. Each lesson requires about 45 minutes to complete. When we gather on Friday, we spend our first hour discussing the work from the past week and the second hour watching a video led by Beth Moore which focuses on what we have learned and also gets us ready for our upcoming week of study.



This is an in-depth study of the fruit of the Spirit. Our focus is Galatians 5:22-23 which says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Beth Moore leaves no stone uncovered as she guides us enthusiastically through the Bible and encourages us to develop the fruit by maintaining a close relationship with the Spirit of God. We are learning about the ways in which God develops in each of us the fruit of the Spirit and that a Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond ourselves.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study, please contact Karen Parrish at <karenparrish@prodigy.net> or 817-915-9686.

News Update for 11:30 Service

by Jan Hughes

Pot Luck Lunches: Our pot luck lunches are now on the church calendar! We are set for the second Sunday of each month, EXCEPT October and November this year, which are Feasting with the Saints Sundays. Our 11:30 people will be joining the entire church family on Feasting days. We will not have our potluck in May—that’s Mother’s Day, and we’ll probably all be hurrying to family events.

Folk Band Practice with Sherry: Everyone is welcome at our folk mass band practice! We meet Thursdays at 7:30 in the sanctuary, except on the **Third Thursday** of the month, when we will take the practice to fellow band member Sherry Hunt, who is homebound. If you can’t join us but would like Sherry to know she is missed, we’ll be glad to carry your cards and letters with our instruments. Call Bob at 817-201-9987 for directions.

Email Distribution List: Elinor Normand has volunteered to set up an 11:30 Service distribution list for better communication between Sundays. To join, send your email address to Elinor at <elinormand@yahoo.com> with “11:30” in the subject line. Thanks, Elinor!



Lace Tablecloth Missing

Anita Beckman, Trinity Hospitality Chair, reports that the lace tablecloth that we use for receptions is missing from the pantry. She feels sure that someone has taken it home to wash but has forgotten to bring it back. If you have it, please return it to the pantry on a silver tray so it will be ready for our next event. Thank you!

November Feasting with the Saints

Feasting with the Saints will celebrate the lives of saints from the early Christian church in North Africa and Mesopotamia. An information session will take place during the adult education hour between the 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. services on November 1, and the lunch will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8. We will serve traditional foods and have entertainment and surprise guests. (As always, there will be a vegetarian option.) Please provide your own wine or beer. The charge will be \$15 (TCU students free). To purchase a ticket, please contact Maggie Withroder.

★★ Submitting Articles for ★★ The Trinity Episcopalian (Parish Paper)

Due to problems with holiday schedules and bulk mailing, we must ask that the deadlines for submission of articles for The Trinity Episcopalian be moved up for the next two months. *Information for the December issue should be sent to Karen Shepherd at <karennshepherd@yahoo.com> by November 9. Articles for the January addition must be received by December 7.* We understand that the Vestry will not have met by that time, and we will have to take this into consideration; however, most scheduled events and general news will not be affected and can be sent to us by these deadlines.

Information may be included in the body of the e-mail or may be sent as an attachment. The subject of your e-mail should indicate that it is for the parish paper. Please include your name and telephone number. Articles may be revised in the interest of space and clarity. All editing, copy reading, publishing and mailing is done by parish volunteers. Questions about articles are to be directed to Karen Shepherd (817) 926-6962 and not to the church office.

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING TO BE NOVEMBER 15

The United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering will be Sunday, November 15. Please count your coins, write a check made out to Trinity with a reference that it is for UTO and use envelopes that will be available in the bell tower.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS TO CLOSE AT END OF MONTH

The time period for submitting Vestry nominations began on October 25 and ends on the last day of this month, Monday, November 30, 2009. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor at the annual parish meeting as the nominating committee needs time to check the eligibility of all nominees prior to the election. Nomination forms are available in the parish hall, bell tower, and in the church office.

Eligibility requirements are:

- 1 Must have agreed to having name placed in nomination
- 2 Must be at least 18 years of age
- 3 Must have been a member of the parish for at least one year, have been confirmed or received by a bishop of the Episcopal Church, and have a letter of transfer on file, if membership has been held elsewhere
- 4 Must be a giver of record as recorded by the Business Manager
- 5 Must be an active member, participating in the life of the parish, and regular in church attendance

PLACES TO GO & PEOPLE TO SEE

Wednesday, November 11, Trinity Children’s Ministries will once again host a monthly Love and Logic parenting forum, featuring local psychologist Dr. Paul Warren. The group will meet in the parish hall between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in December. Contact Karen Rangel at <rangel_karen@yahoo.com> if you have questions.

The Parish Seniors Group treks to Salado for a day of shopping and feasting on Thursday, November 12. Car pooling will be organized. If you wish a ride meet at the church parking lot at 8:30. Call Margie or Jack West (817) 927-0707 with questions

Saturday Supper will be at the home of Gale VanAckeren and Stan Elliott, 1400 Westover Lane, on Saturday evening, November 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring a dish for eight to share and your favorite beverage. (Tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be provided). This is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners in an informal setting.

Join the Trinity family in the parish hall between the 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. services on Sunday, November 29, as Sunday School students (and the rest of us) learn to make Anglican Rosary Beads. That day marks the beginning of Advent, and, as it will be a time of prayer and meditation, the rosaries and accompanying prayer cards can be used for seasonal devotions by young and old alike. During other Sundays in November, the children are continuing their study of the prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah. Karen Rangel reports that we collected so many blankets for the Presbyterian Night Shelter during October that she quit counting them. The children also contributed to Fr. Bill’s Kairos prison ministry by making prayer cards, placemats and prayer hug posters for him to take with him.

Games Night for Parents of Young Children Fr. Michael launched the new ministry to parents of young children in October. About sixteen of us gathered for a potluck supper and talked about possibilities for this group. Our next event is a games night at the church on Saturday, November 14 from 6 to 8 pm. Bring a snack to share and your favorite party game such as Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit, etc. Babysitting will be provided. Parents of children up to fifth grade, this group is for you! Please join us! Call or e-mail Kelly Soter-Gunn with questions (817) 921-1827 or <kellykelly98@yahoo.com>.

Who Do I See About Replacing a Light Bulb? Lots of time we see something that needs fixin’ around our church. A light bulb is out, the air conditioner isn’t working, or one of the door latches won’t work. Who do we talk to when we find something that needs fixing? The answer: the church office. Tell Parish Administrator Linda Santiago or leave word on her phone answering machine. She will give the duty to one of our volunteers who works around the church. Please don’t corner one of our parish volunteers with your request; they work on orders from the office. Thanks.

MAKE MONEY FOR TRINITY CHURCH USING AMAZON.COM

Stretch your shopping dollar this holiday season by connecting to the online retailer, <www.amazon.com> through Trinity’s website. Doing so donates four percent of your purchase price to Trinity church. To connect to Amazon, just go to <www/fortworthtrinity.org> and click on the Amazon link on Trinity’s homepage. Happy shopping!

USING DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE WHEN MAKING CALLS AT THE CHURCH

Our Business Manager, Jackie Robinson, has brought to our attention that we are being charged each month for a number of calls made to Directory Assistance. These really add up. If the church office is open and you need to find a phone number, please use the internet white or yellow pages rather than calling Directory Assistance. There should be phone books in the drawer below the phone in the kitchen. Thank you for helping us keep costs down!

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

Matthew 5:14, 16

Weddings and Anniversaries



November 1
Kate Hearne
Chris Miller
Guy & Julia Nesom

November 2
Ella Gault
Lydia Hiatt
Carol Zbranck
Gayland Poole & Katie Sherrod

November 3
Allan & Mary Kelly
Rick & Ruth Story

November 4
Caroline Barlow
David & Stacy Sanford

November 5
Betty Dieb
Ben Lopez
Tom & Jan Lopez
Michael & JoLyn Skinner

November 6
Jan Hughes
Nicholas Motheral

November 7
David Gunn
Wade & Cynthia Adkins

November 8
Maggie Parrish

November 9
Gloria Cooper
Jimmy Riddell
Marvin Tinsley

November 10
Glen Buis

November 11
David Dailey
Charles McGill
Kevin & Kevelyne Mercurio

November 12
Tony Hiatt
Hillary Vessey
Joshua Brassfield & Stacy Baldwin

November 13
Nancy Croston
Kyle Grogan
Jerri Beth Palmer
Onah Wiley

November 14
Jonathan Clark
Sharon Doan
Mary Grassia
Steve Wilson

November 15
Tyler Goldthwaite
Linda Smith

November 16
Anita Beckman
Jimmy McCord
Jim Parrish
Danielle Shewmaker

November 17
George Komechak
Steve McGaw

November 18
George & Mary Frances Barlow
Paul Warren & Jan Hughes

November 19
Herbert Drew
Katie Kroll
Scott Varner
Otto & Gwen Oberle

November 20
Alexander Houston
Mathis Wilson
Emily Yager

November 21
Victoria Mann
Mark & Nancy Neyland

November 22
Brian Culp
Celia Ledbetter
Isabella Rios

November 23
Mary Frances Barlow
Maggie Lopez
Barb Reese
Michael Skinner

November 24
Jeffrey Craver

November 25
William James
Kathy Rhodes
Jerry & Sally Proffitt

November 27
Cindy Hoffmeister
Patricia Lyle
Jody Price
Kimberely Shook

November 28
Mary Katherine Cayce
Scott Richter
Mary Truett
Lefty & Jeanie Brandon

November 29
Mark & Caroline James

November 30
Jerry Lobdill
Nicholas Poulos

HEALING

Larry Carr
Betty Deib
Colin Baird & Family
Karla Pollock
Shirley Wheelock
Will Brachman
Paul Smith
Rod Lawrence
Carvill Cox
Frances Grogan
Buddy Rayne & Family
Pedro Romero
Shirley Wheelock
Charles Schneider
Paul E. Smith
Soniva Helen
Barbara
Hank Pletch
Dian Stadler
Meryl Myers
Stephen & Marian Bomgren
Allison Evers
Nelson Houston
David Bullard
Joe Mellon
Ben Geary
Virginia McCook
Steve & Jean Rowe
Chris Hall
Cindy Thayer & Son
Ashley Taylor
Olivia Sanchez
Jack Mulholland
Bill Krupp
Katie Kesvecel
David Koepppe

DEPARTED

Elizabeth Bomgren
Kyle Williams
Bob Hayes
George Vietas
Michael Ricciardi



NURSING CARE

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

TRAVEL

Debra Clark
Ben & Deanna Smith
Delane Angeli

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS

Josh & Erin Martin
Jimmy Green
Matthew, Ariunaa & Amaraa Green
Burney Dickinson
Martha Ann
Gail O'Phaelan
Kaye Driscoll
Troy Snodgrass

IN THE MILITARY

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

TRINITY'S MANY MINISTRIES

by Frances Cox

A newcomer to our parish recently asked about our outreach programs. Amazingly, put on the spot, I could only come up with four or five. Jean Wilson has given me a list and I am overwhelmed. If you are ever asked, here are the ones that we support financially or with volunteers

OFF-SITE MINISTRIES

AIDS Outreach Center
Day Resource Center
International Hunger (MDG)
Kairos Jail Ministry
McLean 6th Gr. Center (supplies)
Overseas Mission Outreach
Open Doors for Women
Presbyterian Night Shelter
South Central Alliance of Churches
Tarrant Area Community of Churches
Brite Divinity School
Union Gospel Mission
United Thank Offering
Episcopal Relief and Development Fund
Habitat for Humanity
Prayer Bear Ministry, Cooks Hospital

ON-SITE MINISTRIES

Altar Guild
Flower Guild
Lectors
Chalice Bearers
Eucharistic Ministers
Daughters of the King
Hospitality Committee
Bible Study Groups
Stephen Ministry Program
St. Cecilia's Guild
St. Martha's Guild
Communion Bread Bakers
Feasting with the Saints
Greeting Card Ministry
Rector's Benevolence Fund
Curate's Benevolence Fund
College Campus Ministry
Mother's Day Out
Trinity Preschool
Episcopal Church Women
Saturday Supper
Chancel Choir (9:15 service)
Bell Choir (9:15 service)
Contemporary Music (11:30)
Needlepoint Gui



“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due...when it is in the power of your hand to do so.”

Proverbs 3:27



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SERVICE INFORMATION

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*

STAFF

Rector: *the Rev. J. Frederick Barber*

Curate: *the Rev. Michael Caldwell*

Deacon: *The Rev. Janet Nocher*

Director of Trinity School: *Lynn Allen*

Choirmaster: *Alan Buratto*

Organist: *Debora Clark*

Webmaster: *Elinor Normand*

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