



TRINITY E-NEWS

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SUNDAY SERVICE
9:30 AM

Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity with
God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all
one in Christ, Trinity
Episcopal Church is an
embracing family, growing
spiritually, and joyfully serving
the community; a home that
comforts the spirit; a place
where people's gifts for
ministry are identified,
nourished, and shared; and
place of learning where
disciples are formed.*

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Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Meeting January 25, 2026 Senior Warden's Report for 2025

This year's senior warden's report will be divided into three parts: A big thank you to those who have worked hard at Trinity this year, a review of the accomplishments of the church during the last year, and finally my hope for our future.

First, a big thank you to Fr. Travers Koerner for his dedication to our church! He drove to Morgan City forty-eight times this year to celebrate the Eucharist, anoint those who wished, and give birthday and anniversary blessings. His joyful demeanor has been an example that I'm certain make Jesus smile! I would also like to thank our secretary Peggy Coats who has become the administrator of the church, a dedication which is inspirational. In addition to the responsibility of a secretary, she writes checks to pay bills, publishes our monthly newsletter, serves as usher, and attends both choir practice and Vestry meetings. Our treasurer Mary Hughes is one of the first to arrive each Sunday and always the last to leave, being sure to check that our church and Parish Hall are locked. She is also chair of the Altar Guild, choir member, and lector on Sunday. Then there is our faithful Lay Eucharistic Minister Robbie Wiggins who is at Fr. Travers' side each Sunday. He is also the first to arrive and see that the flowers are on the altar. He also serves as Junior Warden, taking care of our buildings and grounds as well as providing gifts of eggs, fruit, and cabbage.

This is also a time to thank our Vestry for serving this last year. Two members rotate off: Sam Jones and David Webster. We appreciate their many years of attending both Vestry meetings and diocesan conventions representing Trinity. Sam also sings in the choir and deserves a big thank you for the beautiful flowers on our altar each Sunday. One of our newest members of Trinity, Ann Myers, not only agreed to serve on Vestry but also accepted the position of secretary. She has added much to our church since joining our family! Of course, I must thank our musicians Lee and Paul for the beautiful music they have provided before, during, and after services at Trinity. It is so wonderful to be able to come into the church a little early and meditate as Lee and Paul play the prelude to the service. Many stay for the postlude and there is applause when the music stops. Finally, I would like to thank all those who have taken roles of leadership in our church: our lectors, our ushers, our choir, coffee hostesses, and our Altar Guild. Your dedication of time and talent is appreciated.

And now to Trinity's accomplishments in 2025! Unlike 2024 when the Parish Hall had to have its roof replaced because of termites, and the interior of the Parish Hall required major renovating, 2025 was a good year for Trinity! While maintenance such as spraying for weeds, replacing locks on the doors, or replacing a broken window was needed, our buildings did not require so much time, effort, or money this year. Our biggest expense in repairs during 2025 was to repair the church organ. With work still needed to be done, the total expense will be \$1,750. This year repairs will need to be made to the church where someone ran into the building and damaged some of the cedar shingles and broke a down-spout gutter.

In 2025, our average attendance at the forty-eight services Father Travers led was 26. Morning Prayer was read by lay people five times with an average attendance of 17, and Evening Prayer was read five times with an average attendance of ten. Three babies were baptized Easter Sunday and Home Communion was provided twice.

Spiritual Growth: In addition to weekly attendance at church, two book studies were offered this year and held during the week in the evening. Also, during Lent, Evening Prayer was read on Wednesday evenings followed by a soup supper.

Trinity continues to serve our community with outreach endeavors: Since Trinity started giving baby baskets to new mothers in need, we have given 47 baskets. Each basket contains shampoo, lotion, baby clothes, baby wipes, and a \$50 gift card to purchase diapers. A prayer for the new mother and baby is also included in the basket.

Another outreach ministry is providing bikes with helmets, locks, and lights for working people who have to walk to work. So far, Trinity has given away 24 bikes. Our church has also endeavored to support Saint Mary Outreach and the Council on Aging with the sale of Christmas Greens. In December, ECW members enjoyed a luncheon and gave gift cards to be distributed to the elderly. Over \$650 was given to the director of Council on Aging. Also, after the devastating flood in Texas last summer, the Vestry voted to send \$500 to the Diocese of West Texas.

Another form of outreach was Trinity's opening the doors of the Parish Hall to allow judging for annual Barbecue Bash. Members of the church are required to be present, and Vestry members Peggy, Sam, and Robbie all accepted that job. Your Vestry meets once a month after the 9:30 am service for about an hour to discuss issues related to the operation of our church: activities, finances, and problems. We begin with prayer and work together to address topics on the agenda. As senior warden, I would like to thank the members of the Vestry for cheerfully being present at each monthly meeting and accepting many responsibilities. We all recognize that we are brothers and sisters doing our Father's work in the church, the community, and the world.

A Parish Hall clean-up day was held in May, and your Vestry worked hard to remove old, unnecessary items on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

Our hope for the coming year will be that the prayer we pray each Sunday for a priest will come to fruition. Unfortunately, Canon Morgan MacIntire has said the retired priest who might be interested in a part-time position with Trinity is married to a priest who has a position in Monroe, so he wants to stay in that area. We will have to wait patiently (as Job did) for our future rector.

Also, Bishop Shannon Duckworth will be visiting Trinity in February and will confirm or receive anyone wishing to become a member of Trinity. If you are interested, please let Peggy Coats know so she can have you fill out paperwork.

Each year during the annual meeting, new members of the Vestry are elected. Peggy Coats and Mary Hughes, who attend every Vestry meeting but are not members of the Vestry and therefore cannot vote, have both offered to serve. We will be accepting nominations for Vestry members, but before nominating someone, you should have checked with them to be sure they would be willing to serve. It is so nice having Vestry members who are happy to serve on Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weber, Senior Warden

In an emergency for a priest, please call Mother Holly Burris,
rector of St. John's at 601 600-6774.



04 Peter Thibodeaux	18 James Block
12 Kristyn Hughes	25 Jennie Rogers
15 Debi Busbice	28 Heather Blair
18 Joan McCloskey	

17 Signe and Grant Rousseau



Ellen, Nancy, Mike, Dean and Ed, Amalia, Stephen, Gerald, Gary, Ashley, Cathy, Sharon, Diane, Lee, Elizabeth, Frances, the Gaspard family, Gayle, Joe, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

USHERS

ALTAR DUTY

Feb. 01 Joan McCloskey	Feb 01 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats	Feb 01 Mary Hughes
Feb 08 Mary Hughes	Feb 08 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats	Feb 08 Cathy Broussard
Feb 15 Elizabeth Blatt	Feb 15 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats	Feb 15 Judy Weber
Feb 22 Charles Parsiola	Feb 22 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats	Feb 22 Lisa Parsiola
Mar 01 Judy Weber	Mary 01 Jennie Rogers & Peggy Coats	Mar 01 Mary Hughes

VESTRY ON DUTY

FLOWER CHART FUND

COFFEE HOSTESS

Feb 01 Peggy Coats	Feb 01 Peggy and Paul Coats	Feb 01 Judy Weber
Feb 08 Judy Weber	Feb 08	Feb 08 Joan McCloskey
Feb 15 Robbie Wiggins	Feb 15 Cathy Broussard	Feb 15
Feb 22 Ann Myers	Feb 22	Feb 22 Pot Luck Luncheon/ Bishop Visitation
Mar 01 Peggy Coats	Mar 01	Mar 01



Vestry Meeting is February 8 following the Eucharist.

Heifer Sunday is February 8 All loose offering that Sunday will go to the Heifer Fund.

Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes is February 18 at 12:15 pm

Pot Luck is February 22 for Bishop Duckworth's visitation and confirmations.

No Pot Luck Luncheon February 01. No Pot Luck Luncheon in March.

Collect for search for new rector

Almighty God, whose Son is the light of the world, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed on our church through the years. Grant that we, illumined by your word and Sacraments, may find a priest who will help us be a reflection of Christ's love for others. We look to thee, O God our Father, in Jesus our Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Compline Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Quotes about Love

“No matter what sin we have committed, no matter how terrible it may be, God loves us.”

—Billy Graham

“Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity.”

—Helen Hayes

“Love is the river of life in the world.”

—Henry Ward Beecher

“This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess.”

—Rainer Maria Rilke

“A heart set on love will do no wrong.”

—Confucius

“There is a net of love by which you can catch souls.”

—Mother Teresa

Stop, Look and Listen

Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, “Stop and rest awhile.” Lent says, “Stop doing wrong.”

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

A Taste of Loving-Kindness

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, “What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving-kindness?”

A young boy thought for a moment and replied, “Well, if I were hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. But if they added a spoonful of jam, that would be loving-kindness.”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers	2 AA's 6 pm closed 	3 Choir Practice 3 pm	4	5	6 AA's 6 pm closed	7
8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers Vestry meeting Heifer Sunday	9 AA's 6 pm closed	10 Choir Practice 3 pm	11	12	13 AA's 6 pm closed	14 Valentine's Day  Love is patient, Love is kind. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4
15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Fr. Travers	16 AA's 6 pm closed	17	18  ASH Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes 12:15 p.m.	19	20 AA's 6 pm closed	21
22 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Bishop Duckworth Confirmations Pot Luck Luncheon	23 AA's 6 pm closed	24 Choir Practice 3 pm	25 Lenten Evening Prayer followed by a Soup Supper	26	27 AA's 6 pm closed	28