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A new year, and a renewed focus

2011 brought many subtle changes to our life together. We changed worship times, how our bulletin is structured, and how our acolytes are organized. We expanded the volunteer base for the outreach meal programs, added a weekly email newsletter, and began sharing our parish administrator with St. Francis in Youngsville. All this along with having spent a full year now with me as your Priest-in-Charge. Plenty of things to look back and feel a sense of pride in our ability to make progress in moving faithfully into God's call for us to move forward in new ways of being a parish.

2012 promises more changes for Trinity. We began a process of examining our worship music in the fall of 2011, but now we are presented with a bigger change than expected. Paul Crouch, our organist and choir director, has announced his retirement and with that we will have to explore how we want to proceed in staffing our music program. Before we dive into the work of discerning our musical future, we will take time to celebrate Paul's work with us. More information on those plans are below.

With musical discernment front and center now, we also note that our Vestry and Transition committee will continue to explore projects related to revitalizing the parish and reaching new members, work being supported prayerfully and financially by our diocese. Their efforts are aimed at revitalizing our community and seeing Trinity's future is a bright and joy-filled one. Many of the avenues they are looking at involve change for us in how we minister together and how we manage the many gifts we have.

As we continue to encounter and move through change, let us remind ourselves

what has not changed. We are a gathered body of disciples committed to living the vision that Christ gives us. We continue to spread the good news that God's love is supreme, no one is left outside the reach of God's salvation, and that we have a role to play in drawing all to acknowledge and actively work for the Kingdom. Christ's Kingdom, where his healing and reconciliation are the foundation and the aim is our life. Trinity will continue to be a place where that work is being done, in worship, outreach, and education for all.

At our Annual Meeting this January 22nd, we will be hearing more about our past year and what we look forward to working on this coming year. As well, we will do the important work of lifting up new parish leaders as part of our vestry (see below for more info). We will hear about the budget set for this year and how it starts the work of bringing our parish into financial health, a multi-year project that the 2011 vestry courageously began. It promises to be an important morning for Trinity, bookmarked by prayerful worship before and after the meeting.

Our disciple work may seem daunting a times, but we never shrink from taking the challenge. We do this because we know who goes with us and who rightfully leads us through every door, Jesus Christ our Lord. I look forward to seeing where he leads us in our new year together.

Blessings,

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Connect — Grow — Serve

Paul Crouch's Last Sunday to be January 29th

Our Organist Paul Crouch has announced his retirement from the organ bench. Trinity will celebrate his work and presence with us at his last Sunday service with us, January 29th. Come join in thanking Paul for his inspired playing, patient leadership, and dedicated work as Trinity's organist and choir director.

Annual Meeting: January 22nd

Trinity hosts its annual meeting on Sunday January 22nd. Our schedule is as follows:
9AM Morning Prayer (note earlier start time)
9:30 Opening of meeting, reports
9:45 Annual Address from Priest-in-Charge
10:15 Vestry Elections
11:00 Eucharist
11:30 Festive Lunch
Come ready for an informative and prayerful morning when Trinity meets, votes, and celebrates its life together!

Wednesday Evening Education Series: Leap into Trinity's Identity

Our Spring Education Series kicks off on Leap Day, Wednesday February 29th! Six Wednesday evening programs begin that night, and are being guided by our diocesan sponsored revitalization project. The focus will be on uncovering and understanding Trinity's identity as a parish community. Conversations and activities led by Father Matthew and vestry members will focus on four central areas of exploration: Our History, Our Worship Life, Our perception in the wider community, and Our relationship to our clergy. Over six sessions the aim is to develop a more robust understanding of who we are and who we want to be. Come join us in this integral work as part of our redevelopment project.

Trinity
Episcopal
Reflection and
Revival
Experience

Sunday Morning Education Series: TERRE II

TERRE II returns to Trinity, and invites all those interested to four Sunday morning meetings where we will explore personal spiritual gifts and stories. Come ready to discover how to be more aware of God's presence in your daily life and how he is calling you into mission. Classes begin after services on January 8th.

Note: Change of publication timing

Trinity's printed newsletter will be coming out every two months for the 2012 program year. Look for your next issue to arrive at the end of February.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS:

*I heard the Lord saying "Whom shall I send." "Who will go for me?"
And I answered, "Here I am. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8*

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers



Our public worship services would be incomplete if it were not for the volunteers who fill these vital roles. Lectors are our volunteers who feel they are called to read Scripture during our services. Bringing life and reverence to the Scriptures provides a touching gift to the entire community as we gather to hear God's word proclaimed aloud as part of our worship of Him.

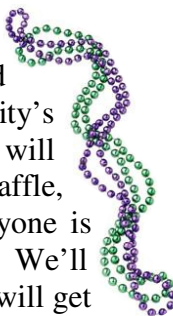
EMS (Eucharistic Ministers) help with the distribution of Holy Communion by being a chalice bearer. This means following the priest who is distributing the wafers and administering the wine from the chalice. Training takes about 20 minutes and within one Sunday of service the work becomes "old hat" for those who hear God calling them to this ministry. Please consider how you could add your patient presence to our Eucharist by volunteering as a EM.



There is nothing like a friendly face to greet you as you enter! Ushers provide that human presence to our entryway on Sunday mornings, starting 15 minutes before the service begins. They help answer simple questions (where's the bathroom, what time does the service start, where's the nursery) and they make sure folks have what they need for service. Ushering is an easy ministry for folks to add their efforts to raising up the worship of Jesus Christ here at Trinity. Trinity is in serious need of ushers. Please see Father Matthew for more information.

Mardi Gras! (or Shrove Tuesday)

Tuesday evening, February 21st, come gather with your friends and neighbors and enjoy the last fat and sweet meal before Lent with Trinity's Mardi Gras party! Father Matthew will bring music and the popular Bead Raffle, we'll cook lots of pancakes, and everyone is invited to share a dish of rich food. We'll start the party at 6:30 and the last bead will get raffled away at 8. Don't miss out on the king cake, jambalaya, face painting, and the last big feast of Epiphany!



Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

Trinity will offer three opportunities for the community to gather and begin the Lenten season. Short services (under 30 minutes) will be held at 8AM, 12 Noon. A more traditional service, with music and a full sermon, will be held at 7:30PM. Come begin the Lenten journey at Trinity and prepare your souls with this moving observance.



Trinity Women's Guild

All women are invited and encouraged to attend the TWG meetings scheduled throughout the year. We begin the evening sharing a tureen dinner at 6:00pm and a program follows. Our next gathering is on Wednesday, February 15th. We are excited to have Diane Brant with us as she shares her experiences on her trip to Sweden. Please plan to join us

Our outreach ministry to the community continues as we are asking for donations of women's personal care items—shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. Please place your donations in the basket on the table in the narthex. At an upcoming meeting we will arrange baskets for women using the services of A Safe Place. Along with the personal care items we include an inspirational message from TWG.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Thanks to *Tom & Mary Lou Watt* and *Sunny & Siby Thomas* for hosting coffee hour in December.



Check out the table in the narthex for open Sundays in January and February for your opportunity to serve as host and clean up.

Altar Flowers

The Sunday Flower Chart of open dates on which to place flowers on the altar is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. The date you choose can be for just this year or yearly, please indicate your desire when signing up. As your date approaches, you will receive either an email or a post card reminder. If you have any questions, please call the office at 723-9360.

Treasurer's Report—Operating Fund To November 30, 2011

	Actual to 11/30/11	Budget to 11/30/2011	2011 Budget
Beginning Balance	\$21,497		
Member Pledges	\$92,796	\$110,917	\$121,000
Other Regular Member Contributions	\$5,670	\$7,790	\$8,500
Miscellaneous Other Givers	\$1,600	\$1,375	\$1,500
Total Contribution	\$100,331	\$120,792	\$131,000
Other Income	\$4,811	\$11,000	\$12,000
Plate Income	\$701	\$1,100	\$1,200
Sub Total Income	\$105,843	\$132,892	\$144,200
Endowment	\$119,350	\$119,350	\$130,200
Total Income	\$225,193	\$252,242	\$274,400
Expenses	\$233,239	\$255,498	\$275,918
Difference	(\$8,046)	(\$3,256)	(1,518)
Ending Balance	\$13,451		

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 ∴ The next meeting of the Vestry is on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 PM. ∴

The Diocesan newsletter *The Forward* is available in the narthex or online at www.dionwpa.org.

Prayer for Trinity

Almighty and gracious God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayer for the parish of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. By the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, enlighten and strengthen us for your service. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to know what is right, and give us courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it. Renew us in faith, hope and charity. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, make us always thankful for your providence, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind with your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

In nursing/assisted living homes: Ann Blackman, Mickey Ettinger, Frances Rhodes, (Cambridge), Judy Nobles (Warren Manor), Bill Anderson, Marcia Baker, Jean Gibb, Margaret Gilson, Betty DeLong (Rouse Home), Rhea Waples (Watson Home), Marian Edwards (Warren State Hospital)

The Vestry: Vivien Boger, Kathy Bowley, Barry Cunningham, Pat Hesch, Keith Hinsdale, Addy Landrio, Jim McCollough, Elaine Rhodes, Ellen Scalise

Transition Committee: Diane Brant, Denise Ely, Clare Glarner, Pat Hesch, Tom Jensen, Dick Klancher

Illness/Surgery/Other Needs: Mickey Conroy, Palmer Davis Jr., Denny Brown, Jon Ettinger, Jerry Davis, Billy Moriarity, Janet Ely, Kurt Glarner, Terry Brant, Ed Brant, Michael Brant, Amy Hindman, Pam, Phyllis, Penny, Lori Brusso, Helen Chrise, Max Sorensen, Tom & Stacy Sorensen, Tom Schuschu, Cody Stalder, Bud McCollough, Gar & Beth Spicher, Jen Spicher, Scott Mitchell, Morgan, Jeff Washburn, Brian Knisley, Ash & Jean Brant, Susan Bennett, Emma Campbell, Dave Taylor, Logan, Patrick Nuhfer, Kara Donaldson, Scott Brown, Sandy Lewis, Margaret Suttor, Denise Fink, Wendy Suder, Patty Johnson, Carrie, Matt, Peg Ploof, Bobbie Long & family, the O'Connor family, Susan Wolfe, Mabel Brown, Ron Goltz, Kathy McLaughlin, Reiner Peters, Ted, Towlesey Castles, Peggy Skinner, David Powell, Don Luff, Richard Hulings, Cathy Swanson, Lacy Brant, Julie Eberly, Veryl Riley, Mary Jo, Jimmy Bancroft, Vestry election, Joe Wallo, Mary Lou, Pat Hesch & family, Payton & Grace, congregation's health problems, Brian

Thanksgivings: Snow, for the marriage of Mona and Richard Bennett, for the life of Nancy Glarner

Serving in the Armed Services: Adam Pontious, Lenny Johnson, the 3rd Infantry Division serving in Iraq; Jake Glenn serving in Afghanistan; Peter Landrio, Curtis Delattre, Grant Brown, Parker Hahn, Michael Miller, Marc Miller, Cody, Toby, & Jeremy Williams, Matthew Hammond, Jackie Shaw, José Sepulveda

The Clergy: Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop; Martha Ishman, Canon to the Ordinary; Matthew Scott, our Priest-in-Charge

Serving justice and peace: Christian Peacemaker Teams; House of Hope, Birds of the Sky, and Good Samaritan House in India; Center Fabio, Ivory Coast; Asociacion Rescate -Rio Dulce, Guatemala

Prayer for the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Regular Weekly Schedule

Coffee & fellowship before & after the service.

9:00 AM Healing Prayer in the Chapel

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist.
Children's Chapel

11:00 AM Education Hour

Monday

7:00 PM Men's & Women's Bible
Studies

Wednesday

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Thursday

4:30 PM Warren Area Children's
Sacred Choir

Office Hours

8:30AM – 4:30 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 AM—12:30 PM Thursday