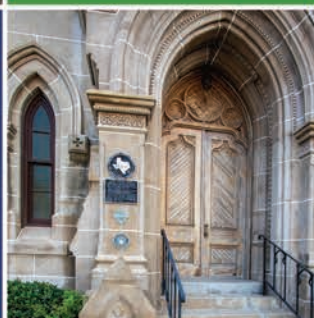
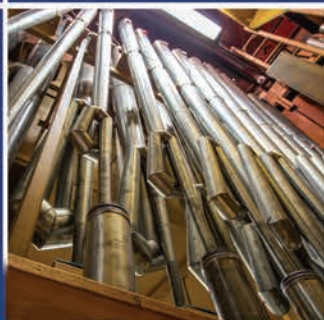




# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GALVESTON, TEXAS

*Founded in 1841, and still making history.*



## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 2023





## Mission and Vision

Trinity Episcopal Church has been serving the people of Galveston Island since 1841. Through our ministries of worship, fellowship, learning, and service we are creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

On Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. we worship God through the service of Holy Communion. In this blessed meal, we receive the grace of God through bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Trinity is part of the Diocese of Texas, which comprises southeast Texas and Fort Worth. We are also part of The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. Through this fellowship we are connected with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Located within Galveston's historic downtown cultural arts district, our beautiful Gothic structure, completed in 1857, has been the spiritual home for over five generations of Galvestonians. Our parish school provides an excellent academic, faith-based education to approximately 260 children from PK-2 – 8th grade.



## STAFF

Rector – The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

Director of Music – Ronald Wyatt

Parish Administrator – Kathy VanDewalli

Director of Finance – Camille Haglund

Director of Children and Youth Ministries / Lay Ministry Coordinator – Catie Totty

Newcomer Minister - Katharine Galindo

Interim Head of Trinity Episcopal School – Marie Kidd



### AGENDA

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- II. Thanks to Vestry members rolling off
- III. Election of new Vestry members
- IV. Election of Diocesan Council delegates
- V. Finance Report
- VI. Junior Warden's Report
- VII. Senior Warden's Address
- VIII. Rector's address
- IX. Senior Warden for 2023
- X. Other reports printed
- XI. Adjournment

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Christ our Lord. Amen

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

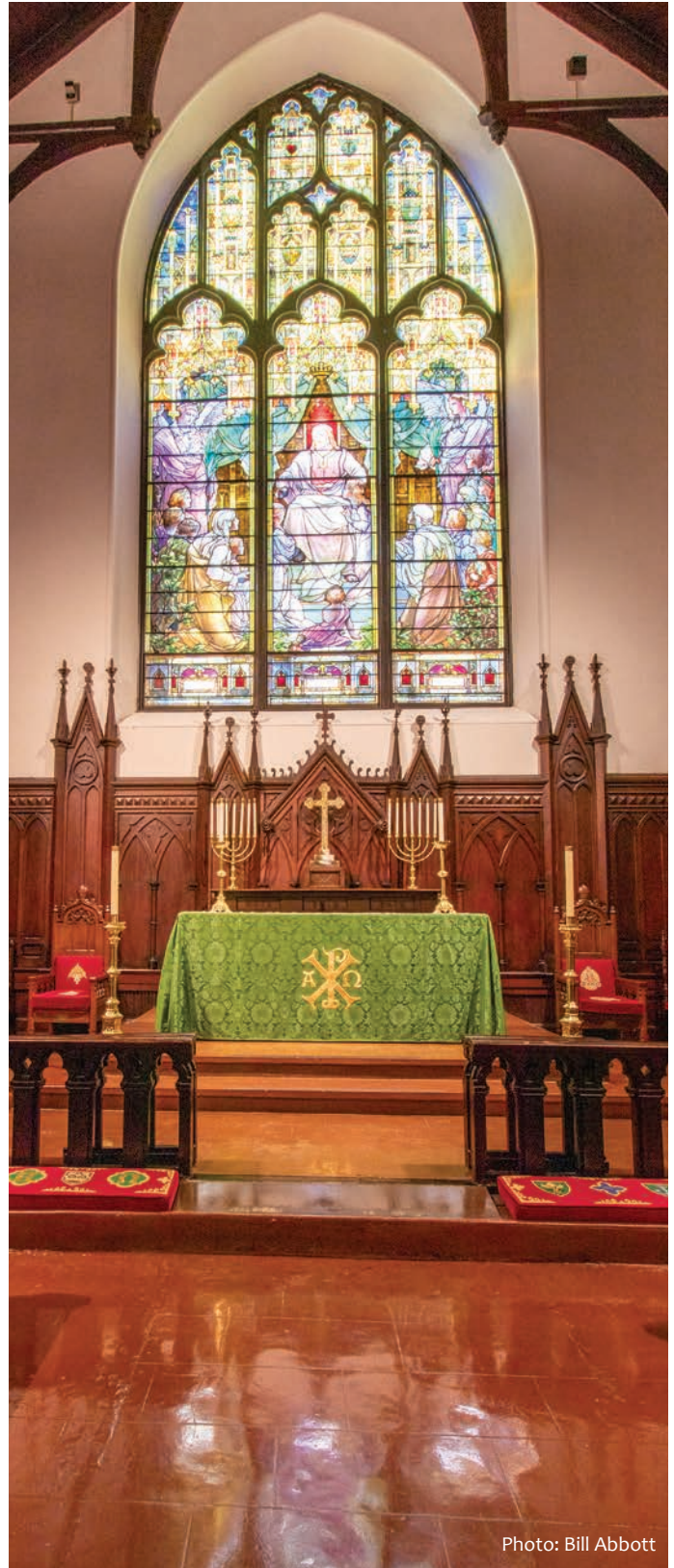


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Elections for Vestry members and Diocesan Council Delegates are conducted in accordance with the canons of the Diocese.

Vestry members elected each year serve for a three-year period and may not succeed themselves for a year. Both those to be elected and those eligible to vote must be at least 16 years of age and must have been confirmed by a Bishop in the Episcopal Church or received into the Episcopal Church from another communion. Both electors and nominees must be enrolled on the parish register and must be confirmed communicants in good standing. This means that they must have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year, must contribute financially, and must be active in the church. The National Canons provide that the Vestry is the agent and legal representative of the parish in all matters

concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its Clergy.

Diocesan Canons specify that the Vestry shall supply any vacancy in the Rectorship of the Parish, administer the temporal concerns of the Church on the Parish, provide for the prompt payment of liabilities, maintain order during divine services, and “in general assist the minister in carrying on the work of the Church in the Parish in all things appropriate.” Diocesan Canons also require that all Vestry members subscribe to the following declaration:

“I am persuaded that the Holy Scripture contains all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; and I accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.”

### 2022 VESTRY

**2020 Vestry Members  
with Term Ending January 2023**  
Susan Duif  
Mike Malloy  
Tom Wimbrow  
Laura Hughes\* (*filling 1-year term*)

**2022 Vestry Members  
with Term Ending January 2025**  
Bart Adriance  
Bill Ansell  
Linda Macdonald  
Theron Pfeifer

**2021 Vestry Members  
with Term Ending January 2024**  
Sally Byrom  
Bill Leopold  
Tammie Taylor  
Jerry Jackson

**2023 VESTRY CANDIDATES**  
**Slate of Candidates to be elected for 2023  
Vestry with Term Ending January 2026**  
Laura Hughes\* (*to begin a three-year term*)  
Maggie Kelso  
Jeanna Mascorro  
Rick Swanson

### 2023 DIOCESAN COUNCIL DELEGATE CANDIDATES

Laura Hughes, Mike Malloy, John VanDewalli and Kathy VanDewalli

Photos and biographies for Vestry and Delegate Candidates on pages 20-22.



# PARISH STATISTICS

Annual Report 2022

## 2022

Total Number of Members .....	603
Average Sunday Attendance .....	142
Baptisms .....	1
Confirmations/Receptions .....	6
Burial Services .....	13

## COMMUNITY REACH

Trinity Episcopal School  
 St. Vincent's House  
 The Salvation Army  
 Christus Our Daily Bread  
 Galveston Ministerial Alliance  
 Galveston County Food Bank  
 Galveston Diaper Bank  
 Galveston Island Humane Society  
 Seafarers Center of Galveston  
 Boy Scouts of America - Troop 104  
 Girl Scout - Troop 137026  
 William Temple Episcopal Center

2022 Easter Attendance ..... 395



2022 Christmas Attendance ..... 328



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Speich, Interim Treasurer

Members Bill Ansell, Bill Dannenmaier, Laura Hughes, Camille Haglund - Finance Director, Tom Wimbrow - Junior Warden, Mike Malloy - Senior Warden, and Jimmy Abbott, Rector

The role of the Finance Committee is to work with the Vestry and financial staff to provide financial oversight for the church. This includes budgeting and financial planning, financial reporting and

the creation and monitoring of internal controls and accounting policies. The church's books are audited each year by independent Certified Public Accountants.

The Balance Sheet on December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are as follows:

<b>TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet Analysis</b>		
<b>December 2022 vs December 2021</b>		
	<b>Balance 2022</b>	<b>Balance 2021</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$892,982	\$760,636
Investments	\$1,586,866	\$1,948,739
Fixed Assets	\$3,348,378	\$3,348,378
Total Assets	<u>\$5,828,226</u>	<u>\$6,057,753</u>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
Liabilities	\$134,169	\$98,106
Fund Principal	\$3,503,957	\$3,485,701
Temporary Restricted Funds	\$603,400	\$531,038
Permanently Restricted Funds	\$1,586,700	\$1,942,908
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	<u>\$5,828,226</u>	<u>\$6,057,753</u>

Cash in the Church's operating accounts totaled \$289,023.

Total Revenue during the year end December 31, 2022 was \$811,077. Operating Expenses were \$792,821 resulting in Net Operating Margin of \$18,256.

Prepaid 2023 pledges of \$133,907 were received during 2022.

The 2023 annual budget, prepared by the committee working closely with Camille Haglund, Finance Director, was approved by the Vestry.

During the year Trinity Episcopal Church implemented two changes to its business practices to be fully compliant with the Canons of the Church as stated in the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs.

These changes were recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry:

1. At the request of the Rev. Abbott, a formal policy for the handling of rector discretionary funds was implemented.

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Budget 2022 vs 2023 Comparison

Accounts	YTD Actual 2022 Year	Annual Budget 2022	Annual Budget 2023
Revenues			
Pledges	\$528,812	\$525,000	\$626,000
Plate Offerings	\$61,425	\$40,000	\$48,000
Special Offerings	\$23,713	\$22,800	\$20,450
Other Contributions	\$21,516	\$53,860	\$53,860
Other Income	\$16,383	\$46,518	\$17,000
Reserve Transfers	\$7,308	\$15,750	\$14,600
Endowment Transfers	\$151,920	\$152,000	\$100,000
Total Revenues	<u>\$811,077</u>	<u>\$855,928</u>	<u>\$879,910</u>
Expenses			
Diocesan	\$75,273	\$74,841	\$72,075
Parish Ministries	\$62,366	\$63,500	\$70,000
Property Expenses	\$190,232	\$199,700	\$213,653
Personnel Costs			
Salaries/Compensations	\$369,006	\$418,739	\$414,358
Other Personnel Costs	\$46,276	\$49,769	\$51,321
Administration Expenses	\$49,668	\$50,500	\$50,800
Total Expenses	<u>\$792,821</u>	<u>\$857,049</u>	<u>\$872,207</u>
Total	\$18,256	-\$1,121	\$7,703

2. The ownership and control of two informal bank accounts, one for ECW and one for Cookbook sales, was changed to the church, making them subject to the same policies and insurance coverage as all existing accounts.

I want to thank all those who have made a commitment to the work of Trinity by making a 2023 pledge. For those who have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so.

The church's financials are available for review by members of the parish in the church office. We welcome anyone who is interested in the church's finances to attend the Finance Committee's monthly meetings. We meet each month on the third Tuesday.



## JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

*Tom Wimbrow, Jr.*

Total repair and maintenance expenses for 2022 came in somewhat above the budgeted amount primarily due to a couple of water line leaks which required fairly expensive repairs. Other maintenance expenses were in line with expectations and budgeted amounts and overall Trinity facilities are in generally good condition.

We have experienced another apparent significant service water line leak in early January and hopefully it will have been repaired before the annual meeting. Our underground water supply pipes are old and subject to deterioration so we will need to assess if at some point replacement of sections of pipe or perhaps entire lines will be more cost effective than individual repairs in the long run.

We had a survey performed of the condition of the various building roof areas and fortunately they are in generally good condition, but there are some areas of the Sanctuary and west of the vesting

room stairway that need relatively minor repairs to correct leaks that will cause moisture problems and structural damage if not addressed. Those repairs should be a priority for 2023.

A service contract was initiated in 2022 to perform regular checks and preventative maintenance on the air conditioning and air handling units to keep them performing at maximum efficiency and prevent minor issues from becoming major expenses. Previous modifications to the HVAC system have been effective in reducing the humidity levels in the Sanctuary that are causing the problems with the plaster on the walls, but work to reduce water ingress is needed to achieve humidity control sufficient to allow permanent repair of the plaster. The Building Committee is working with expert consultants to develop plans for the needed work.

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

*Mike Malloy*

As your retiring Senior Warden, I would like to report that the state of Trinity Episcopal Church is good. My tasks this past year have been very easy, thanks in great part to the outstanding leadership from our Rector, the Reverend Jimmy Abbott.

First of all, I would like to mention and thank the members of the Vestry who donated their time to reviewing and running Trinity. Those dedicated parishioners included: Bart Adriance, Bill Ansell, Sally Byrom, Susan Duif, Laura Hughes, Jerry Jackson, Bill Leopold, Linda Macdonald, Theron Pfeifer, Tammie Taylor, and Tom Wimbrow. Tom Wimbrow at the beginning of the year was requested to continue his position as Junior Warden and Bart Adriance gracefully accepted the position as Vestry representative to the Trinity School Board of Trustees, and Tammie Taylor accepted the position of Vestry Secretary. I would also like

to express my appreciation for the continued work of our Treasurer, John Speich.

### Highlights

Allow me to review a few highlights of the year for the Vestry. In January the Vestry oversaw the retirement of Danielle Alvarado from many years of guiding the Children's Ministry for which we expressed our deepest gratitude. The Vestry also began planning for our Lenten and Easter Programs as well as preparing for our first in-person Vestry Retreat/Workshop in a number of years.

In February, Trinity was well represented at Diocesan Council by myself, Laura Hughes, and John and Kathy VanDewalli. In February, hoping for a Curate we interviewed several wonderful candidates, but were then disappointed by the Diocesan decision to send them elsewhere. Not



to be stymied, Jimmy and the Vestry decided to rearrange the money available for that position to hire a new Children's Ministry person and a Newcomers Welcoming person. We were blessed then by Catie Totty's acceptance of the position and have been wonderfully impressed with her ministry.

In March the Vestry Retreat did occur on a Saturday and new goals and directions were discussed. As has been the desire for many years, the focus was on how to recruit younger members, develop meaningful outreach to the community, and minister to the needs of our youth. Following a wonderful and well attended Holy Season of events, the Vestry attended to a number of housekeeping issues.

In June the Vestry met in my home while Jimmy was away and we had a wonderful time of fellowship and getting some real work done (just kidding). During June, Catie Totty also took over duties as Lay Minister Coordinator, and again is doing a smashing job. As well, Catie hosted the Trinity Vacation Bible School and recorded a record 97 enrollees.

In July, Jimmy informed the Vestry of the coming gift of the St. John's Bible and in August Jimmy and several other members of the parish traveled to Minnesota for a briefing on the Bible.

In September the St. John's Bible arrived and planning for a docent training session began. Also, in September the Vestry was alerted to some of the issues brought forward by a rejuvenated Building Committee and an architect's input was solicited.

Our October–November meeting saw the beginnings of planning for Advent and Christmas and the issue of resurrecting a William Temple Board of Trustees was brought forward. And we were blessed with the placement of Deacon candidate Charlie Stiernberg. A nominating committee was convened in November with the intent of formulating a ballot of new Vestry members. The goal of that committee to recruit “relatively” young and enthusiastic members has

been achieved and awaits the Parish's approval. December saw the Vestry's continued attention being brought to Building Committee issues and an approval of the coming year's budget.

So, thanks be to God, your Vestry has not had to deal with any major catastrophes over the last year, but I do believe we have made steady progress in addressing the day-to-day running of the Church and are beginning to plan for a very exciting refurbishing and refreshment of the Church's physical plant.

I pray that as the Vestry and Church go forward, we will do so with the commitment to continue to restore and maintain the physical aspects of the Church with the intent to provide a place to address, promote and minister to the spiritual needs of our immediate parishioners and the community at large. I cannot thank the Reverend Jimmy, members of the Vestry, the administrative staff, and the parishioners for making this year very easy for your Senior Warden. Please know that all of you who show up for worship on Sundays, playing what you may feel are minor roles as lector, worship leader or lay eucharistic ministers, ushers, or the individual parishioner worshipping in the pews, you are vital parts of this Body of Christ.

Allow me to close with a blessing from noted Irish poet, priest, and Celtic scholar John O'Donohue (To Bless the Space Between Us, Doubleday Publishing Group. 2008, p.158):

**As this year draws to its end,  
We give thanks for the gifts it brought,  
And how they became inlaid within,  
Where neither time nor tide can touch them.**

**We bless this year for all we learned,  
For all we loved and lost,  
And for the quiet way it brought us,  
Nearer to our invisible destination.**

Blessings to all.

Respectively submitted,

Michael H. Malloy, Senior Warden (2022)

*My heart is stirring with a noble song.  
- Psalm 45:1a*

Day by day I thank God for this ministry entrusted to me. Serving as your rector is a great joy and blessing. While 2022 was not without its challenges and difficulties, I saw our parish thrive and grow in many ways.

## Worship

Sunday worship services are the heart of our life together at Trinity. Not only did our worship services grow over the course of the past year, but the ministries who assist with worship also grew (Ushers, Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers). A number of factors contributed to this, I believe. First, the COVID-19 pandemic has been easing, and gathering in groups has become much safer. Second, we have seen a number of people visit and join Trinity Church upon moving to Galveston.

## Staff Transitions

In the first quarter of 2022, Danielle Alvarado stepped down from her position as Director of Children's Ministries. We are all so grateful for her years of service and dedication to this parish and the children here!

Catie Totty joined our staff in March as Director of Children & Youth Ministries. Her joy, enthusiasm, and commitment is infectious. In the fall of last year, 25% of the congregation at the 10:30 a.m. worship service was below the age of 18. Plus, we had over 90 children attend our summer Vacation Bible School. Along with all the volunteers, Catie is helping our children grow in faith. Last year I had hoped that we would call a curate, or assistant priest, to serve at Trinity. Since that did not happen, the Vestry amended the budget to fit some other staff needs. Along those lines, Catie also took on the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator. This means that she schedules the Sunday worship ministers and assists with pastoral care.

Marie Kidd served as the Interim Head of School for all of 2022. Along with Trinity Church members Sally Byrom and Pat Adams, I served on the Search Committee for a new Head of School. By unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, Mark Fallo was called and accepted the position. His tenure will begin on July 1, 2023.

## The Saint John's Bible

Thanks to the loving generosity of certain donors, Trinity Episcopal Church received the gift of a Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible in 2022. Already this incredible gift has shaped the spirituality of our congregation. Volumes are not only available to see on Sunday mornings during worship and Adult Sunday school, but they are available for parishioners throughout the week. This is a wonderful gift and will continue to inspire all of us for years and generations to come!

## Mission & Ministry

Starting last September, we began a new Wednesday night program in conjunction with the William Temple Center. Our time together consists of Evening Prayer, a shared meal, and Bible Study. I want to thank all the volunteers who cook and clean for these meals. The gifts of service they provide make our times of spiritual growth and connection possible!



*Docent Olivia Meyer talks about The Saint John's Bible with Open House guests.*



The Outreach Committee has also done a tremendous job of recruiting our parishioners to volunteer at St. Vincent's House. Personally, I was so glad that the Outreach Committee asked us to help at Thanksgiving - I truly enjoyed the day I spent delivering Thanksgiving groceries around Galveston.

Charlie Stiernberg, our deacon-in-training, has also been a great asset. He spearheaded the Christmas boxes for the Seafarers' Ministry. Plus, through the Outreach Committee, he will be going to visit the Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica this February so that he can help our church foster a relationship with the church there.

## Finances

As you can see in this annual report, Trinity remains in strong financial shape. Your generosity is our single greatest asset, and on behalf of the Vestry and Finance Committee, I want to thank you for your support. Beyond that, Trinity received a number of large, unexpected gifts. The Vestry has allotted these gifts for some future capital work at Trinity. Plus, last spring we hosted our first Legacy Society dinner. The Legacy Society is composed of any person who has designated Trinity as a

beneficiary in their will, trust, or estate. These gifts have helped augment our annual budget and provide for the life-giving ministry we now enjoy.

Finally, our pledge campaign in the fall of 2022 exceeded our goals and expectations, both in number of pledges and in pledged amount. This abundant harvest will allow our church to continue growing.

## Looking Ahead

Last year we did an excellent job of steadily growing and connecting. This is setting us up well for the next chapter in the life of our parish. Personally, my motto for 2023 is "Stepping on the Gas." This resonates with what we expect to happen here in 2023.

With Charlie's help, we will solidify a mission relationship with a church in Costa Rica. Mark Fallo will begin his leadership at Trinity School. Our own staff will grow and expand. And of course, we will have to address the physical needs of the church building. I invite you to join me in stepping on the gas in 2023!



*Docents Linda Macdonald and Bill Noble share The Saint John's Bible with guests at our Open House.*



*Docents Ann Anderson and Pat Welsh share The Saint John's Bible with guests at our Open House.*

# BUILDING COMMITTEE

*John Ferguson, Committee Chair*

The Building Committee continues to address issues involving the physical properties of historic Trinity Church.

## Eaton Hall Doors

Restoration of the front door of Eaton Hall was begun as the year ended, and is nearing completion. In addition, work has begun to clean and update selected ground floor restrooms in Eaton Hall and the Cloister.

## Wind and Water Repairs

Damage caused by wind and water remains in the forefront. The committee has sought expert advice from a variety of professionals, and preparations are underway to address roof and masonry leaks. Roof problems should be resolved during the first half of 2023.

## Sanctuary Windows

The sanctuary's twelve stained glass windows are in critical condition, and must be removed, and completely restored. Much of the original lead caning has buckled, creating a way for water and humidity to enter the sanctuary. Engineering tests have proved this to be a significant cause of damage to the building.

Another source of water damage is the window frames themselves. Most of the frames have suffered serious rot and must be replaced.



Photo: Bill Abbott

## Looking Forward

Two other sanctuary projects being researched are improved lighting and an updated sound system.

The Building Committee is being aided in all these efforts by Mike Bell, Trinity's new facilities manager. He brings many years of experience with him and will help us make informed recommendations to the vestry.

## Building Committee Members:

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott, Eugenia Campbell, Carolyn Clyburn, John Ferguson, Michael Mallory, Olivia Meyer, Nancy Peterson, John Speich, Mary Townsend, Tom Wimbrow, Ron Wyatt. Advisors: Mike Bell, Kathy VanDewalli

# MUSIC MINISTRY

*Ron Wyatt, Director of Music*

Congratulations to the volunteers and staff singers for a very successful musical year. Their dedication and hard work result in the beautiful music you hear on Sunday mornings. The music is selected from a wide variety of sources and includes representations of all the major periods of music history. Instrumental music is also important here. In addition to the 69-rank Austin organ and the 10 Meneely tower bells, we had a woodwind quintet on Easter and a string quartet on Christmas.

The Divisi String Quartet played the opening program for the Pipe Organ Extravaganza during Dickens Weekend with over 150 people attending.

Jo Lynn and Gregg Falgout were the underwriters for this event again this year.

New choir members this year include Joe Stanfield, Cathi and Chris Hofstad.



*Ronald Wyatt*



## Outreach Ministry Mission Statement:

The mission of the Outreach Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church is to facilitate interaction between Trinity Congregation and our neighbors in Galveston and beyond. As disciples of Jesus, we strive to incorporate Christian principles in a wide range of activities through gifts of time, talent and financial resources.

The committee met approximately once a month from March, 2022 to the end of the year. Initially the committee established a mission statement and reviewed the outreach activities done by the church in the past. The committee was supportive of a variety of projects being done by the church in the past and present.

## Outreach Ministry Committee Members:

Chairman: Walter Meyer

Members: Charlie Stiernberg, Kathy VanDewalli, Debbie Adriance, Jennifer Kelso, Laura Hughes, Stacy Putman, Patrick Welsh and Trish Clason.

The 2022 budget for Outreach Ministry was \$12,000.

## RECIPIENTS OF OUTREACH FUNDS IN 2022:

Camp Allen (St. Vincent's House	
Scholarships) .....	\$2,000.00
St. Vincent's House	
(Thanksgiving Boxes) .....	\$2,715.34
Seafarers Center Of Galveston	
(Toiletry Boxes).....	\$1,315.49
Galveston Diaper Bank .....	\$4,000.00
Daughters of the King	
(Chemo Kit Supplies) .....	\$1,034.86
William Temple Episcopal Center	
(Wednesday dinners) .....	\$6,810.47
Salvation Army .....	\$6,480.00

## Areas of Activity

- Provided 100 complete Thanksgiving meals with turkeys and sides for St. Vincent's House.
- Provided and packed toiletry boxes and materials for the Seafarer's Center.
- Provided financial support to the Galveston Diaper Bank to fund the purchase of child diapers and adult incontinence care supplies.
- Supported the Ronald McDonald house dietary program with funding—especially for the bread for their meals.
- Continued support of the Salvation Army of Galveston County dietary program. This item is a separate line item outreach budget item.
- Provided a financial grant to aid the Benjamin Eaton Chapter of the Daughters of King with supplies for their pastoral care blankets and chemo kit projects.
- Aided in the monthly unloading of fresh produce food truck at St. Vincent's House. The food was organized in food boxes for individual families.

The committee remains open to the addition of other projects, and welcomes anyone interested in joining the committee.

Requested budget for Outreach Ministry for 2023 was \$12,000.



Parishioners, Trinity Youth Group members, and William Temple Episcopal Center students worked together to prepare the 100 gift boxes for the Galveston Seafarer's Center.

## Children's Ministry & Communication

We had a very successful year with our Children's Ministry. This year Sunday School for all ages started again, and that included a Sunday School class for kids from 9:30-10:15. Children's Church was held during the 10:30am service and we averaged around 13 kids every Sunday. Some Sundays (not including Easter or Christmas Eve) we had as many as 18 kids. The classes are for children ages 4 years through 5th grade. The children are returned to their families during the Peace.

We are very thankful we have scheduled volunteers and we follow the Safeguarding God's Children's policy which mean we always have at least 2 safeguarded adults with the children. Emails are sent to our church families about upcoming events and projects. Catie also contributes with posts on Facebook and Instagram, as an added means for communication.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS returned this year in a weeklong format, and the theme was "Monumental- Celebrating God's Greatness!" This year we partnered with Trinity Episcopal School's summer program and between students from church and the school we had over 90 kids join us for VBS. It was a time of fun, learning, and a lot of music and games. We were thankful for the great participation, and all the volunteers who donated time and materials to make this VBS a great success.

## Nursery

For the 10th year we have had a staffed nursery. The nursery was open from 9:00-12:00 on Sunday's and from 5:30-7:30 on Wednesday's during our programs. We welcome families to use the nursery as they feel comfortable. It is equipped for ages newborn through 3 years old.

## Children's Church and Sunday School

Children's church underwent several changes this year. In March, we had students from Rice University come and help paint the chapel. We moved the

furniture around, set the altar back up at the front of the room, purchased a rug, and organized all the Godly play materials. Sunday school was taught using Godly Play and for Children's Church we used a children's bulletin. During each class a snack is offered and sometimes a craft.

## Youth

This year we started hosting youth group gatherings during our Wednesday evening programs. Before youth group, the group ate dinner with the rest of the congregation and the William Temple Center students. After dinner, we would play a game outside, have a bible study inside, a time for prayer, and end the evening with a card or board game.

The youth also did several projects outside of youth group. They painted a barrel to collect trash at the beach through Artist Boat's annual contest and won first place in their age bracket. The youth also helped with VBS and the Pet Blessings.

## Lay Ministry Coordinator

This year the position of Lay Ministry Coordinator was created. The position helps in coordinating pastoral responses to parishioners in need, especially in times of sickness. Meal trains are set up when needed and prayer cards are sent every time a new person is added to our prayer list.

The Lay Ministry Coordinator also schedules and arranges baby showers for members of the congregation as requested, and coordinates anything else that may be needed for our parishioners. The Lay Ministry Coordinator also schedules the Worship Leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes for each of the services.

## Contact

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of our Children's or Youth programs. I am very thankful to serve as Trinity's Director of Children and Youth Ministries as well as our Lay Ministry Coordinator.

Catie Totty – [ctotty@trinitygalv.org](mailto:ctotty@trinitygalv.org)



## The Order of the Daughters of the King Benjamin Eaton Chapter

DOK is a National and International Order of Women created 137 years ago. Each member promises herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism.

### Daily Prayer

Each DOK member participates in daily prayer. The prayer list is confidential and updated monthly. Daily prayers are made for our country for peace, wellness and goodwill for our world. We pray for our clergy, congregants, community and its leaders, military, and individuals who have requested prayers. Church members may submit prayer requests to any of our officers or members. Services

Our chapter's DOK service includes Flower Rota, Prayer Blankets, Chemo Kits and special requests from our clergy. Flower Rota is the delivery of the Altar Flowers after church each Sunday to those who are ill or homebound. We also have a prayer blanket mission where we make blankets and they are blessed by our Priest and offered to those in need. We have delivered 7 blankets this year; recipients including those involved in the tragic automobile accident in front of Ball High. Prayers are said while making the blankets and we hope they bring comfort to those in need.

We also make Chemo Kits which include toiletries and other items to help those receiving cancer treatments. Year to date we have given 25 kits to those in need- 22 kits were distributed to those in need at UTMB, 3 others to individual requests.

We are so thankful for the funds received from the Outreach Committee this year to help with supplies for the blankets and chemo kits- the funds were definitely put to use! Thank you to Jo Ann Ware for taking the lead on the chemo kits and to Kathleen Galbraith for taking the lead on the Prayer Blanket making.

## Members

In January 2022 we welcomed Shirley Ellis, Jeanna Mascorro and Kathy VanDewalli to our Order. Our chapter now has 19 active members and 4 members currently in training (training led by Sally Byrom). We hope to install the new members in February 2023.

We meet once a month after the 10:30am church service on the second Sunday of the month with the exception of the summer months: June, July, and August. We have a pot-luck lunch together and then have our meeting.

## Junior Daughters of the King

The Benjamin Eaton Chapter of DOK is pleased to announce the addition of a Junior Daughters of the King! DOK member, Jeanna Mascorro, is the Directress. She initiated the Jr. DOK and held the first meeting on October 30, 2022. There are 4 members and they meet once a month. Baptized girls ages 7-21 are invited to join (any denomination) and they promise to pray daily and serve Jesus.

The Jr. DOK's first service project took place in December. The girls built 14 Build-a-Bears and gave 2 crosses and the bears to the boys and girls at the Galveston Crisis Center around Christmas. The bears and the crosses were blessed by Father Jimmy. Thank you to Jeanna for taking the initiative to start the Junior Chapter of the DOK. We hope to initiate our Junior members with our Senior members in February 2023.

## DOK Officers 2022-2023

President, Sara Hawkes

Vice President, Jo Ann Ware

Secretary, Kathy VanDewalli

Treasurer, Jeanna Mascorro

Membership Chair, Sally Byrom

All baptized Episcopalian women are invited to join The Order of the Daughters of the King. If interested, please call Sara Hawkes at 832-920-1976, or email [smhawkes@msn.com](mailto:smhawkes@msn.com).

The mission of Trinity Episcopal School is to nurture and educate children in a God-centered environment, filling hearts and minds with a passion for learning, a strong moral foundation, a commitment to social responsibility, and respect for all people.

Trinity Episcopal School first opened our doors in the fall of 1952, making 2022 our 70th year of educating children. We take great pride in the generations of students who claim the title Trinity Alum. Our program has grown and adapted over the years to meet the changing needs of our students and best practices in education. However, Trinity remains true to the values and traditions that in combination create that unique Trinity experience. May Fete, Kindergarten Circus, formal chapel, too many traditions to fully list here. Top of everyone's favorite, not-to-be-missed Trinity traditions is the beautiful Lessons and Carols Chapel Service that closes school each year as we head off for the holidays. We leave with our hearts filled with the sweet reminder of God's gift of a small child to save the world as well as His gift of the Trinity children that grace our classrooms each day.

2022 began with a quick change in leadership. I began my 18-month tenure as Interim Head of School on January 1, 2022 and will remain with Trinity until June 30, 2023. What a lovely community to join! While the school had weathered the challenges of Covid over the past couple of years, it had taken its toll. As a faculty, we returned that January with a renewed focus on our Episcopal Identity and our values as a school. We shifted out of survival mode ready to get back to the business of school, return to our primary task of educating children to the best of our ability.

The wonderful grand achievements of Trinity Students over the past year could fill the page. To name a few - Spelling Bees, community art exhibitions, championship athletic teams, Galveston Top Fifty, National Junior Honor Society inductions, service projects, and the unforgettable performance of Shrek, Jr. on stage at the Grand 1894 Opera House. And, every day at school is filled with those small moments of success that show us the potential in each child.

Then in May it was time to send our eighth grade graduates off into the world. The final ceremony of the year was both celebratory and emotional as the following 32 graduates earned the title of Trinity Alum.

## CLASS OF 2022

Sianna Acosta	Sara Jolin
Vincent Barber	Sophie Kirschner
James Beasley	Rosa Koplin
Cannon Chase	Patrick Koza
Diego Clark	Anneli Kucera
Charlotte Cook	Logan Leimer
Ivy Culling	Magnolia Malzahn
Elijah Dean	Jacob Miers
Christian DeOre	Samuel Mixon
JD Farmer	Mason Nelson
Julian Gant	Cole O'Connor
Creighton Garcia	Presley Pyles
Hannah Garrison	Cloey Richard
John Gonzalez	Caleb Stein
Everett Guajardo	Dominick Templeton
Rafael Hinojosa	

School resumed on a high note in August, but within days our world was turned upside down by tragedy that took the lives of 2 of our most recent graduates, Mason Nelson and Sam Mixon. It hit our community hard. The school provided care and counseling to help our students through the grief process and were honored to host the receptions in the MAC so that family and friends could gather after the services.

This fall, while the life of school carried on, the Board of Trustees focused on the important task of finding the next Head of School. After nearly 9 months of work, the Trustees invited Mark Fallo to join Trinity in July 2023. Mark comes to Trinity after a long Episcopal School Headship in Tennessee.



He was the clear and favorite candidate of the community. I look forward to working with Mark for a smooth transition over the next several months.

Success and challenges, tradition and change, faculty and staff coming and going, celebration and disappointment, life and death are all part of the life of schools, no school is immune. Trinity School experienced a bit of a roller coaster ride

2022. Through it all, I believe we have given our Trinity students an excellent academic education as well as the support and opportunity to grow skills like resilience, compassion, and service to deal the highs and lows of life.

Faithfully,  
Marie H. Kidd  
Interim Head of School



## ALTAR GUILD

*Susan Duif, Directress*

The Altar Guild participates in all church services including Sunday services, funerals, weddings, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas. We work behind the scenes preparing the church and altar, changing altar cloths and hangings, polishing brass and silver, filling and changing candles, laundering, and ironing linens, ordering supplies, arranging for altar flowers, and decorating the church at Easter and Christmas. Three groups of members serve throughout the year performing duties at one of the Sunday services or during the week. For special services we all work together. We hope that our work is never seen, but it is very necessary.

For many years, the church has obtained all our Sunday flower arrangements as well as the beautiful Easter and Christmas plants and greenery from our friends at J. Maisel's Mainland Floral on Broadway. In 2022 long-time owner John Maisel sold the business, but the new owner with the remaining staff have continued to provide us with the same beautiful flowers and excellent customer service.

We continue asking parishioners to fund the flowers on Sundays. Donations can be in memory or in honor of a loved one and made online through a

link at [trinitygalv.org](http://trinitygalv.org) or in the weekly eMessenger. Envelopes are available in the narthex for cash or check donations. Not only have many people taken advantage of this opportunity, but the church budget for flowers has been significantly supplemented!

Our church was blessed this year with the donation of truly spectacular purple and deep crimson altar, lectern, and pulpit hangings. They were given by Cheryl Tucker, one of our faithful members, in memory of her husband the Reverend Doug Tucker.

Each year members decide to take very well-deserved retirement from many years of service, so our numbers have dwindled. This year, we joyfully and gratefully welcomed four new members and the return of a former member! There is always room for more folks as our division of duties can accommodate most schedules. You don't have to be a woman or be old to participate!

If you'd like to talk about serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Susan Duif at [suduif@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suduif@sbcglobal.net) or speak to the Reverend Abbott or any member. We'd love to welcome you!

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

*John Speich, Director  
Bill Dannenmaier, Secretary*

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry "for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and youth in the Episcopal and Anglican Communion". Chapter 0527S at Trinity was chartered in 1891. The chapter normally meets the first and third Saturday mornings of the month at 9:30 am in Kelso Conference Room with an emphasis on prayer, study, and service.

The typical Saturday morning meeting begins and ends with prayers from our "Devotional Handbook". In addition, the group maintains a prayer list for those in need of healing, those who have died and those in need of prayer.

That is normally followed by a period of study. Among various topics, we spent much of the year studying the Book of Exodus.

During the year members made donations in the name of the Brotherhood to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, St. Vincent's House and to the annual Assembly golf tournament.

The chapter continues maintenance of Trinity's columbarium, including of the fountain, periodic restoration of faded lettering on the marble plaques and general appearance.



## TRINITY CHURCH USHERS

*Linda Macdonald, Head Usher*

Serving in a hospitality ministry, Ushers are the first “face of Trinity” to greet visitors as well as long-time parishioners to the church. In addition to welcoming those attending each service, Ushers distribute bulletins, assist with special needs, count the attendance, deliver the bread and wine to the altar, take up and deliver the collection, and facilitate the flow of the congregation to receive Holy Communion. They not only serve at 8 AM and 10:30 AM on Sundays, but also at special services, including funerals and memorials.

Ushers serve in weekly teams under the guidance of a designated Team Leader for the 10:30 AM Service.

### 8 AM SERVICE

Team Leader Claudia Stein, Ann Anderson, Walter Meyer, Tim Nelick, and Cort Thornton.

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

**First Sunday:** Team Leader Trish Clason, Bart Adriance, Camille Haglund, Ed Muncey, Dixie Posert, Jon Schultz, and Tom Wimbrow.

**Second Sunday:** Team Leader Bill Leopold, Sara Hawkes, Olivia Selman, Paul Selman, Mary Lou Shuffler and Eric Trout.

**Third Sunday:** Team Leader Jim Byrom, Sally Byrom, Carolyn Clyburn, Carol Lee, Richard Lee, Theron Pfeifer, and Rick Swanson.

**Fourth Sunday:** Team Leader Linda Macdonald, Angela Clark, Tom Clark, Margie Frantz, Evadney Hudson, and C.J. Poirier.

**Fifth Sunday:** All team leaders.

You are cordially invited to join the Trinity Usher Team. No prior experience is needed and on-site instruction is provided. Ushering provides an opportunity for you to serve Trinity Church and to get to know parishioners. If you are interested, please contact Linda Macdonald (409 739-2989 or [linlorm@aol.com](mailto:linlorm@aol.com)) or a Team Leader.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

*Submitted by Danielle Alvarado  
and Amy Neblett*

Women's Bible Study continues to meet, learn and enjoy fellowship with one study in the Spring and one in Fall. We have used a variety of curricula; studies by video with Beth Moore and Priscilla Shriver, and book based discussion studies following the “Knowing the Bible” book series. We have studied from both the Old and New Testaments.

For Spring 2021 we studied the Book of Samuel and Fall we enjoyed the video & discussion series “Religions Around the World.” We had over 20 people attend at least once and averaged 12 weekly attendees in the spring and 9 in the fall. We are a community and encourage attendees to invite friends; we have members from Trinity, Grace, Moody, St. Patricks and Island Church.

Join us this spring, starting January 23rd, Mondays

5:30-7:15pm, Kelso Conference Room. “Ruth - Loss, Love & Legacy” is a Women's 7 session study, by Kelly Minter (video & discussion based). We will learn of “Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. This study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth.”

Please let us know if you are interested in attending, and we will save you a spot and a home workbook. Blessings!

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## 2023 VESTRY CANDIDATES



**Laura Hughes**

Laura Hughes was born on Galveston Island and has a life-long connection to Trinity Episcopal Church, from her great-grandparents who were married in the sanctuary, her baptism in the chapel off the cloister, through her service at Trinity today. She is a graduate of Trinity School, Ball High School, UT Austin and South Texas College of Law.

She served on the Trinity school board for two terms, serving as Treasurer, and on the finance committee. Laura has served on the Vestry at Trinity, is currently on the finance committee, and participated on the search committee for our new rector.

Laura works in the compliance department of American National Insurance Company, where she concentrates on issues related to privacy, information security, and life insurance products.

Laura has two children, Davis and Connor, who both attend Trinity, and two stepchildren, William and Lauren. Davis and Lauren both love serving as acolytes! Laura is married to Jimmy Watson, who also works at American National, and they reside in Texas City.



**Jeanna Mascorro**

Jeanna Mascorro is a native Houstonian who grew up in the Clear Lake area and married her college sweetheart Patric 15 years ago at Trinity Episcopal Church. They visited the Island on most weekends and she became a member of Trinity in 2018, with the family becoming full time Islanders in 2020. Jeanna and Patric have three children who attend Trinity Episcopal School and love the community at the church, the school, and in the city.

Jeanna received a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University, then went to Miami for Medical School. There she received a Master of Biomedical Sciences and a Master of Business Administration, along with a Doctorate in Podiatric Medicine. After residency, she practiced in the Katy/Fulshear starting in 2012 and opened Island Foot and Ankle in Galveston this year. She joined the Daughters of the King last year and one of the most rewarding things she has done was to initiate the first Junior DOK Chapter here at Trinity. She currently serves as the directress. She loves the great outdoors in Galveston, and enjoys fishing, boating, and kayaking. She looks forward to serving the church on the Vestry.



## 2023 VESTRY CANDIDATES

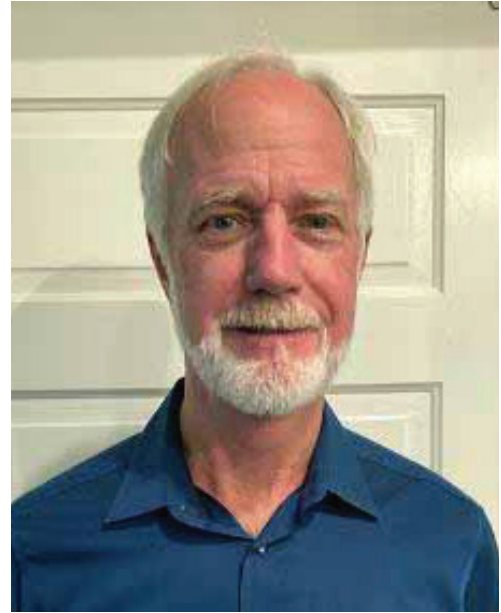


**Maggie Kelso**

Maggie Field Kelso was born and raised in Enid, Oklahoma and graduated from Baylor University in 1981 with a BSN.

She practiced nursing in Waco, Galveston, and Houston before returning to Galveston in 1994. Her four children all graduated from Trinity Episcopal School.

Maggie is a new member of Trinity Church but has attended services with her husband, John, for many years. She considers it an honor to be considered to serve on the vestry.



**Rick Swanson**

Rick Swanson is honored to be considered for the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Before coming to Trinity Episcopal Church, he and his wife attended Grace Episcopal Church where they helped Miss Mary as Sunday school teachers.

He currently serves as an usher, lector, worship leader, and lay eucharistic minister. He was also a member of the adult education committee prior to the COVID epidemic.



Photo: Bill Abbott

# 2023 DIOCESAN COUNCIL LAY DELEGATE CANDIDATES

## 2023 Diocesan Council

The 174th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas will be held in Galveston, Texas, on Saturday, February 25. In addition to our clergy, Trinity Episcopal Church will be represented by four Lay Delegate Candidates: Laura Hughes, Mike Malloy, John VanDewalli and Kathy VanDewalli.

### Laura Hughes

(Read full biography on page 21).

Additional, random but interesting facts about Laura include that she was a foreign exchange student in the Netherlands at age 16, danced ballet for 20 years, loves hot yoga, and has a goal of running a half-marathon.



### John VanDewalli

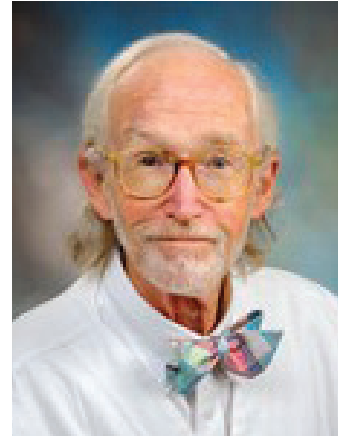
John is a proud BOI and still loves living in Galveston. He worked over 35 years in the Hospitality industry and currently is employed at American National Insurance Company in the Human Resources Department.

A member of Trinity Episcopal Church since 2010, John has served as an usher, served on the search committee for our new Rector, and recently completed a term on the Vestry. John and his wife Kathy have one son, Ryan.



### Michael H. Malloy

Michael was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University and medical degree at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). He has been an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church Galveston since 1991, serving on the Vestry, School Board, and being a lay eucharistic minister. His career as a Neonatologist and educator at UTMB continues full time for the present. He reads widely and is currently enrolled in the Education for Ministry (EFM) Program sponsored by The University of the South. He looks forward to continuing his service on the Trinity Vestry and supporting the Diocese.



### Kathy VanDewalli

Although not a BOI, Kathy's family has a deep ancestry on the Island. A graphic artist, fine artist, crafter, and marketing professional, Kathy worked at The Grand 1894 Opera House for 32 years, retiring from her position as Marketing Director in June 2021. In

July of 2021, Kathy was proud to begin working for Trinity Episcopal Church as the Parish Administrator. Kathy previously served the church as an usher, Altar Guild member and as a past Vestry member and is a member of The Daughters of the King. She also served a term as President of the Trinity Episcopal School Board, and Secretary of the TES PTO. Kathy and her husband, John, have been married for 31 years and have one son, Ryan.





This is the 73rd year that the William Temple Foundation has been ministering to University of Texas Medical Branch students and the 11th year the ministry has been located on Trinity campus. Affectionately known as “Willie T’s” we are one of the few religious organizations that has an on-campus organization. Dr. Mike Malloy is our liaison and Josh Heinrich, DPT is our student advocate at UTMB.

Most of the students are in graduate programs, including but not limited to medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician’s assistants, and nursing. The foundation has two employees. Camille Haglund is the financial administrator. JaLene Thatcher Kambhu is the Interim Executive Director.

The Willie T’s Cook Team sadly saw the retirement of Mike Ellis as the head of the team, which he had led for a decade. Willie T’s cook team has several volunteers that have come together to fill the void and give of their time regularly, including but not limited to: Debbie Adriance, Erik Dill, Susan Horton, Matthew Miller, Melanie Noble, Gina Thomas, Cheryl Tucker, Kathy VanDewalli, Pat Welsh.

This year our drive thru dinner ministry converted back to our in-person dinners after Easter. Every other Wednesday schedule was maintained until the fall, when it was opened back up on a weekly basis.

Many of the students had not been able to experience the home cooked meals because of COVID restrictions. It was wonderful for them to enjoy regular meals prepared with love by the “Willie T’s” cook team and volunteers. Weekly dinners have been a huge success with the outpouring of volunteers to prepare food and desserts, as well as serving it. Every Wednesday the students are invited to join evening prayer.

The parishioners joined the students for weekly dinners over the Fall semester. There was an option added for the students to join in a Coffee Talk series following dinner. They could also join

the parishioners for their Bible Study.

Willie T’s students and volunteers ran the Jolly Jester Jaunt 5K, with about 35 participants. In addition, we were so very grateful to be able to celebrate the kickoff of weekly dinners with a Willie T’s Welcome Back Wednesday Celebration, with well over 100 in attendance. Willie T’s even had a Bible study with pumpkin carving.

The student study center is open and the students call this their “Home Away from Home!” We keep it stocked with food, internet, printer and supplies. They appreciate the love so much.

Capital expenditures were mainly used to supplement the additional cost of food since the drive-thru dinners cost more than when we prepare the food. Another reason we are glad to be serving in-person meals again.

Other capital expenditures were SAGE Software, and some seasonal décor to make the center more welcoming throughout the holidays.

Outreach expenditures include helping students in need (car repairs, help with rent and food, etc). We are blessed and thankful to minister to young people in the name of the Lord.



*Students from the William Temple Episcopal Center participated in Trinity’s table-hopping Trick-or-Treat event.*





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