



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GALVESTON, TEXAS**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Sunday, February 14, 2021**

AGENDA

Call to Order The Reverend Lillian Hyde

Prayers

The Parish Family

Almighty and ever-living 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 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*

Opening Remarks The Reverend Lillian Hyde

Elections

Rector's Report The Reverend Lillian Hyde

Senior Warden's Report Susan Duif

Junior Warden's Report Tom Wimbrow

Treasurer's Report (See separate finance document) John Speich

Head of School Report Mark Ravelli

See following Reports from Guilds, Ministries and Committees

Adjourn

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

This year, the 172nd Diocesan Council will be held virtually on February 27, 2021. Details can be viewed on www.epicenter.org/council.

ELECTIONS AND PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE*

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

Vestry members elected in 2021 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, which 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 agents and legal representatives 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.”

2020 VESTRY

Term Ending Jan 2021

Calvin Buckley
Eugenia Campbell
Eileen Hall
Laura Hughes

Term Ending Jan. 2022

Dotsy Balentine
Mary Lou Shuffler
John VanDewalli

Term Ending Jan. 2023

Susan Duif Mike Malloy
Robert Krout Tom Wimbrow

* See Slate of Candidates for Vestry and Representative Biographies at the end of this report.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston Texas

*From the rising of the sun to its going down,
let the name of the LORD be praised. Psalm 113:3*

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*May we love, and love, and love—like them—in the year to come.
From the rising of the sun to its going down, may the name of the LORD be praised!*

RECTOR'S REPORT

THE REVEREND LILLIAN W. HYDE, INTERIM RECTOR

My return to Trinity was like coming home. I have fond memories of my previous time here, of Galveston, and of all of you.

The year 2020 was very full, and unique. My very first official act as your Interim Rector was to close in-person worship (again), due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this year, “through dangers, toils, and snares,” Trinity has been steadfast as a spiritual anchor for her people, and her people have responded with faith and generosity. Most of us have suffered from loneliness and boredom. Only a few of us have suffered financially from this crisis. Consequently, you have lived out your faith by making generous contributions to the local social services agencies we know and trust, as a way of loving our neighbors who are less fortunate.

I am grateful for the service of each member of our staff, the wardens, the vestry, and the other active ministries. Everyone has pulled together for the betterment of our community and our ministries. Extra special thanks go out to Kathy and John VanDewalli for their brilliant and tireless efforts to broadcast our worship, and keep Trinity in communication with you.

We hope to be able to return to in-person worship before Easter, but masks will be required.

Trinity is 180 years old, as of February 6, 2021. She has experienced a great deal of joy and sorrow, through the years. There will be challenges in the future, but we will continue to respond with heart and mind, undergirded by the love of God, the love that never fails.

Grace and peace,

Lillian+

Baptisms: 5 Confirmations: 0 Funerals: 10 Weddings: 5

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN – SUSAN DUIF

Pandemic – The story of 2020 at Trinity Church is basically the story of a pandemic. We did not expect that to be our story, but COVID-19 has cast its shadow over everything we did – and did not – do. A great deal of effort by clergy, staff, and lay leaders went into preparing a plan for reopening in-person worship after the first lockdown last Spring. We believe that the plan was and remains highly effective in preventing the transmission of the virus within our church buildings. Unfortunately, the rise and fall of infections in the city and county has severely limited our ability to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary. We have all learned a lot about technology and have been able to offer online worship on several platforms, but we do long to come together in real life. Maintaining a sense of connection and community without physical presence has been very challenging.

Transition – 2020 was also the year that we bid farewell to our beloved rector and associate rector – within one month! Rev. Susan Kennard and her husband, Bill, retired and moved to Missouri to be near family. Rev. Ed Thompson, his wife, Vashti, and daughter, Vashed, moved to Austin where he took up the position of middle school chaplain at St. Stephen's Episcopal School. Wonderful opportunities for them, but difficult good-byes for us. We celebrated our shared ministry with both joy and sadness, sending them on their ways as best we could under pandemic restrictions. In July, to our great good fortune, we welcomed Rev. Lillian Hyde as our interim rector. We are lucky to have her at the helm, a capable and reassuring presence to many of us because of her time here as associate rector.

Rector Search – We expected 2020 to be a year that saw us entering the active search process for calling a new rector. We have not been able to move as far along that road as we would like, although certain benchmarks have been achieved including vestry training, a parish-wide survey and analysis, and near completion of our parish profile that will serve as the job posting when we are able to begin an active search.

Other – Throughout these unprecedented challenges, our staff, lay leaders, and clergy have persevered, taking care of both routine and unprecedented tasks. The business of running a church has gotten done and it was not always easy! We all owe our staff and clergy a huge thank you for a job well done. Lay leaders have been active, especially in the areas of outreach and stewardship of our buildings. You can read all about it in the Annual Report available online or at the office.

Gratitude – I want to especially thank our four out-going vestry members who have served faithfully for very demanding three-year terms. Our parish is better for your devotion and I will miss each of you.

I am grateful to each of you, parishioners and friends of Trinity, for the support and prayers that have enabled our beloved church to survive and thrive under 2020's exceptional circumstances – just as we have done for 180 years and will continue to do for at least the next 180. God willing!

LOOKING AHEAD!

Re-re-gathering – We eagerly anticipate resuming and then **continuing** in-person worship, Sunday School, meetings, and – yes – even coffee hour! More on these plans from Lillian.

Rector Search – The vestry and I have not yet felt that the time is quite right to appoint a Search Committee that will be able to persevere with the essential level of enthusiasm and dedication in the face of pandemic restrictions on meetings and travel. But that time is approaching, and the next few months should see a committee formed, trained, and receiving applications from possible candidates. We all share your hope that 2021 will be the year we welcome the 12th rector of Trinity Church, Galveston!

Buildings - We are close to identifying the causes of our on-going moisture problems in the sanctuary. We will begin to address these problems. We will receive a bid-ready plan to address the unfortunate state of our restrooms and maybe even begin much needed improvements. Having completed the fabulous restoration of Eaton Hall upstairs and down, we will be prepared to fully utilize that historic space ourselves and share it with the community.

My prayer is that in 2021, our good Lord will bless each of us with renewed spiritual energy and dedication to our beloved parish as we emerge from the restrictions of 2020 and come together again to love and serve Him, each other, and our community.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN – TOM WIMBROW

The Building and Lighting Committee Report prepared by chairman John Speich summarizes the substantial and important work that committee performed and provided oversight for. (See Building and Lighting Committee Report.)

Total maintenance expenses for 2020 came in under the budgeted amount due in part to reduced HVAC repair costs resulting from the replacement of the troublesome chilled water air conditioning system with new conventional DX (direct expansion) systems. Reduced usage of facilities due to pandemic restrictions may also have contributed to reduced breakdown and maintenance expenses.

A project to install cabling to permit upgrading of the WiFi system in the sanctuary has been completed.

The cause of higher than expected water bills for the Garth and grounds sprinkler systems was investigated and was determined to be due to the frequency of watering rather than a leak or other problem. Limiting system usage to only dry periods has substantially reduced the water bills.

We continue to stay engaged with our pest control contractor to make sure termite control measures remain effective in preventing termite infestation and damage.

Anticipated maintenance items for 2021 include:

- Semi-annual trimming of the palm trees around the Church, School, and Cemetery
- Installation of an emergency telephone in the Eaton Hall elevator
- Investigation and repair as needed of problems with the tower bell solenoid ringing system

These items and other routine and preventative maintenance expenses should be covered within the 2021 maintenance budget.

BUILDING AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE – JOHN SPEICH

John Speich, Chairman

Members Mary Townsend, Carolyn Clyburn, Eugenia Campbell, John Ferguson, Mary Lou Shuffler, Nancy Peterson, Olivia Meyer, Ronald Wyatt and Tom Wimbrow.

Utilizing funds made available by the sale of Texas Historical Preservation tax credits related to the restoration of Eaton Hall, work continued to address the moisture and water leakage issues that have caused discoloration of the interior walls of the sanctuary. Repairs to the roof flashing appeared to resolve the worst of the water leaks. As planned, the outdated and inefficient chilled water cooling system was removed and replaced by three DX units.

Plaster repairs were made as needed to the walls, followed by the application of lime wash. Unfortunately, the lime wash quickly separated, with large amounts falling to the floor. Contractors agreed that they failed to allow the plaster to dry sufficiently, causing the failure to bond. They scraped the remaining lime paint off the walls, intending to repaint after the plaster dried sufficiently. The new air conditioning system was run continuously for several weeks, but, after utilizing a moisture meter, they reported that the walls were still not sufficiently dry.

At this point, the services of building envelope specialists were secured to perform an evaluation of the entire moisture issue. Their report identified several issues that need to be resolved before the lime wash can be successfully applied, including adding dry fresh air to the AC system, sealing window frames, tuckpointing areas of masonry, reapplying plaster utilizing a bonding agent and more. A contract to commence designing a suitable fresh air system is currently under consideration.

Bids from two companies specializing in stained glass repair have examined the windows in the sanctuary and bell tower to provide priorities and estimated costs to

repair or restore those windows that require work. It is expected the windows will be involved in the building envelope project.

Also, an architect has been retained and substantial work completed to redesign and remodel seven public bathrooms, some off the sanctuary and others near Eaton Hall. The intent is to update them and improve access including ADA compliance. The end product will be bid and construction ready drawings to be utilized when funding sources are available.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – JOHN SPEICH

Committee Members

John Speich, Interim Treasurer

Members Bill Ansell, Camille Haglund, Finance Director, Laura Hughes, Rev. Lillian Hyde, Interim Rector, Rhoda Spuhler, Robert Ebert, Susan Duif, Senior Warden and Tom Wimbrow, Junior Warden

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 the firm of Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP.

2020 was an unusual year for the church as it was for the entire world due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The annual budget was revised mid-year to reflect the impact of restrictions to in-person worship related to the pandemic, but also the resignation of our associate rector and retirement of our rector.

On December 31, 2020 Current Assets totaled \$669,564.22, Investments \$1,830,736.55 and Net Fixed Assets \$4,905,871.58 for Total Assets of \$7,406,172.35. Current Liabilities totaled \$148,218.62, Fund Principal \$5,007,271.10 and Restricted Funds \$2,250,682.63 for Total Liabilities of \$7,406,172.35.

Cash in the church's operating accounts totaled \$236,298.76.

Total Revenue during the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$775,155.28, and Operating Expenses were \$690,812.51 resulting in Net Operating Margin of \$84,342.77. There were 119 signed pledges for a total of \$476,189.81.

The 2021 annual budget prepared by the committee working closely with Camille Haglund, Finance Director was approved by the Vestry at its December meeting. Budgeted Revenue is \$692,300.00 and Operating Expenses are \$714,336.00 leaving a Net Operating Margin deficit of \$22,036.00.

The church applied for and in June was funded for a \$79,100.00 Paycheck Protection Program with Frost Bank. The unwavering generosity of Trinity members, the Diocese of Texas and others, along with the careful financial stewardship of the staff and the proceeds of that program enabled the church to continue the employment of 100% of its employees and to fully fund our planned outreach programs for 2020.

I want to thank all those who have made a commitment to the work of Trinity by making a 2021 pledge. For those that 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.

Finance Documents attached as a separate document.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – KATHY VANDEWALLI

The communication committee's activity can be divided into pre-COVID and post-COVID segments:

Pre-COVID (January 1 – March 17, 2020) During this time period, Rev. Thompson produced the printed Parish Messenger for the congregation, with assistance from Parish Administrator Trish Clason and input from others in the Church office. Communications volunteer Kathy VanDewalli produced the weekly eMessenger (with content assistance from Trish) and also maintained and updated the website. Kathy, Reverend Susan, Reverend Thompson and Danielle Alvarado were all Administrators/editors on the church Facebook page and would post and update that page.

Post-COVID (March 17, 2020 to present) When the City of Galveston shut down all activities due to COVID-19, our Rector, Reverend Susan Kennard called Kathy and asked if she could somehow post church services "live" on Facebook. Kathy and John VanDewalli immediately began streaming all three services (8am, 10:30am and 5:30pm) via Facebook Live. The eMessenger and website coverage continued, with the addition of links being added on the website for the Facebook Live services. Each week Trish Clason provides the weekly service information, announcements and pictures for posting online. After several weeks of Kathy and John attending all three Sunday services, Bob Hern joined the communications team and began posting the 8am services. Reverend Susan also asked Kathy to help launch an online version of a Lenten Bible Study, which was recorded each week and posted on Trinity's website and linked from the eMessenger. The communication team also recorded/posted the farewell events for both Reverend Susan and Bill Kennard, and Reverend Thompson and family.

In the summer, the Diocese offered a technology grant to congregations to purchase/upgrade media equipment. The communications team submitted for this grant and once received, purchased video cameras, tripods, cables needed and also a "switcher" to be able to live stream without phones in the future. From June through the present, we have utilized cell phones each week to post Facebook Live video on each service, including Wednesday's evening prayer (Bob Hern) and Thursday's Healing Service (Stacey Putnam and Tammie Taylor). Danielle Alvarado also posts Godly Play

each week via Facebook Live (kudos to her team!) Trinity's vestry also approved the installation of Ethernet/WiFi connection in the church to help with live-streaming. Bob Hern continues to post the 8am service on Facebook Live, and Kathy and John continue to post the Sunday 10:30am service, which is also recorded with 3 cameras, then edited and posted on YouTube and Trinity's website each week. Beginning last week (Feb. 7, 2021), Kathy and John have begun to utilize the "switcher" equipment, which will allow us to reduce the editing time, effectively live-streaming and recording the service at the same time.

Kathy and John recorded the Pipe Organ Extravaganza in December, and Danielle and Mike Alvarado and Bob Hern recorded Trinity's Christmas Eve services.

We also implemented a service registration link when "in-person" services took place (and will again when they start back up). This process was a team effort with Camille, Trish and Kathy all coordinating to get the information out through email, eMessenger and on the website each week.

Additional communications that have been added have included a Daily (Monday-Friday) Bible Verse, shared via Constant Contact (our eMessenger email service) by Reverend Lillian Hyde. Kathy formatted the template for Reverend Hyde. Camille Haglund graciously created the printed Parish Messenger during this time. Kathy also updates the Church Directory.

Parishioners can access weekly service information through the following venues:

- Trinity Episcopal Church website: www.Trinitygalv.org
- Weekly eMessenger email (Constant Contact) – sign up from Trinity's Website home page

Plans for the future include training others on the switcher equipment so that we are not dependent on just a few people to live-stream/record services, as well as train others to create/update the eMessenger, website and also update/print the church directory.

Please call the church office or contact Trish at info@trinitygalv.org or Kathy VanDewalli at vandewalli@thegrand.com if you need help signing up for eMessenger/email communications or need to update/add a listing to the Church Directory.

A HUGE Thank You to all who have helped with the live-streaming, eMessenger/email communications during our pandemic – Kathy and John VanDewalli, Bob Hern, Susan Duif, Danielle Alvarado (and Mike!), Reverend Lillian Hyde, Trish Clason, Camille Haglund, Stacey Putnam, Tammie Taylor. Thanks also to Pat Welsh for covering the eMessenger for Kathy in February of 2020 when she was out on vacation! If you would like to help with our service live-streaming or any other communication task – please contact Trish Clason or Kathy VanDewalli.

It has been an honor and a pleasure for me and John to serve Trinity with this communication ministry, and we look forward to growing the communication committee and continuing to serve our parish with this ministry.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE,
CO-CHAIRS, CALVIN BUCKLEY & JEANNIE CAMPBELL**

Calvin Buckley and Jeannie Campbell
Trish Clason, John Speich, Pat Welsh

The Outreach Ministry seeks to provide help and hope to people in need in Galveston County and beyond. We strive to incorporate Christian principles in everything we do, and we are committed to assisting a wide range of charitable and service endeavors that are sponsored by many different denominations. Outreach is funded in Trinity's annual budget, and a church committee dedicated to outreach decides how these funds should be distributed. Recipients of Trinity funds during 2020 include:

ADA (Alcohol and Drug Abuse) Women's Recovery Center of Galveston	
Camp Allen Tuition Assistance	Salvaton Army
Christus "Our Daily Bread" Galveston	Seafarer's Center of Galveston
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Seeding Galveston
Episcopal Diocese of West Texas-Immigration	St. Vincent's House Food Pantry/ Showers/Snack Packs
Galveston County Food Bank	Team Brownsville Border Ministry
Galveston Diaper Bank	Teen Health Center
Galveston Police Department	World Central Kitchen
Lone Star Legal Aid	
Meals on Wheels – Galveston	

MUSIC DEPARTMENT – RON WYATT

In December, in spite of the restrictions of COVID-19, Ron Wyatt was able to schedule an exceptional performance by a string quartet combined with one of his most unique Pipe Organ programs. Music and instrumentalists were also arranged for the Christmas Eve services. Ron has continued to provide support for the weekly 10:30 am Sunday services with music and soloists. Those services have included the voices of Roy Flores, Edgar Moore, Gretchen Lindquist and Michael Gilbert.

Ron has also provided the music for weddings and funerals throughout the year.

GODLY PLAY – DANIELLE ALVARADO

As of March 2020, Godly Play Sunday School has gone virtual! Weekly Children's Lessons are posted on TEC FaceBook page, and sent via email. Each month has a "theme," often coordinating with the Liturgical Calendar. We now offer "take home packs" with activities for the month of lessons. The Lesson is taught, and then they can follow along with the activity or craft. Those are being porch delivered or picked up by

families that request them. Links are also included for coloring pages or activities that can be downloaded.

Staff & Nursery Workers, Linda Alvarado & Kay Perkins, have been filling in for ushering and church services when in person, as we aren't offering Nursery at the time. We look forward to worshipping together again, and having kids see the new set up in Children's Chapel!

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.

Associate Rector The Rev. Edward Thompson, who served as Spiritual Director, has taken a position at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin. Reverend Thompson is a gifted theologian and teacher, and we are grateful for his support of the Brotherhood. When in April the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to refrain from in-person meetings, the chapter immediately continued its regular meetings utilizing Zoom. Under the guidelines provided by the Diocese of Texas we have resumed gathering in person.

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. This year we completed "Walk in Love" by the Reverends Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Other programs included "Spirituality and Racial Justice" by Presiding Bishop The Most Reverend Michael Curry, as well as study of the Gospels.

Service opportunities have been limited by Covid-19, but the chapter was able to donate \$1,000.00 for scholarships at the Trinity Episcopal School.

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING BENJAMIN EATON CHAPTER

Sally Byrom, President
Sue Peace Vice President, Alison Barker, Secretary,
Jacque Ellis, (Treasurer, 2020) Carolyn Clyburn (Treasurer, 2021)

DOK is a National and International Order of Women. We meet once a month at 10:00 on the first Wednesday of the month with the exception of the summer months: June, July, and August. Currently, because of Covid 19 restrictions, we are conducting monthly meetings by Zoom.

DOK Prayer List is confidential and updated monthly. Daily prayers are made for our country for peace and for wellness and goodwill for our world. We pray for our clergy, congregants, community and its leaders, military, and individuals who have requested prayers.

DOK Service includes Altar Flower Delivery to those who are ill or homebound. We typically make blankets or Chemo Kits for those dealing with cancer treatments, however, we are not doing this currently because of health restrictions. This year, our Chemo Kits were taken by the Girl Scouts to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Laura relief. We also help with special requests from our Priest.

DOK Evangelism is practiced through daily prayer. During each meeting, an Opening/Closing Prayer is said in unison. A devotional is presented by our Vice President. The Texas Diocese provides Virtual Spring and Fall Assemblies for sharing ideas and for encouragement. Our motto is recited at each meeting: "For His Sake, I am but one; but I am one. I cannot do everything: but I can do something. What I can do: I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God: I will do. Lord, what will you have me do?"

Two of our members have moved away this year. We also lost a member who passed away. We were grateful to add five new members, creating a total of 20 current active members.

WILLIAM TEMPLE STUDENT CENTER

Executive Director, Larissa Botik

Finance Director, Camile Haglund

Volunteers

Bill Kennard, Heaven's Angel
Buddy and Linda Fredrickson, Retired
Mike Ellis, Chef Emeritus
Erik Dill, Jalene Thatcher Khambu, Teresa Reeves, Ollive Shepherd,
Gina Thomas, Pat Welsh

Like most ministries, our was challenging due to our friend, COVID-19. After Spring Break we closed the Student Center and suspended Wednesday night dinners. We pivoted with social distanced deliveries of snack bags, toilet paper, and smiles to students who remained on the island. After several months and a blessing from the Diocese, we started Wednesday Evening Drive-Thu Dinners pre-packaged from local Galveston restaurants every other week due to costs. In the fall, with guidelines from the Diocese, a team of students developed policies and procedures to re-open the Student Center. It is our prayer that the COVID-19 infection rate declines and we can return to normal.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Marc Ravelli, Head of School

Trinity Church Liaison, Mary Lou Shuffler

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.

Class of 2020: Mada Berry, Gunnar Chase, Wyatt Culling, Charlie Dean, Evelyn Gault, Erik Ivash, Chloe Jolin, Vann Lathem, Molly Lyons, Zoe McClure, Finn Mignerey, Connor O'Donohue, Gabe Plant, Carlie Rekoff, Lucy Schnell, Chloe Stein, Ella Sullivan, Justin Williams, Riley Roane

As the sixth Head of Trinity School and now in my fourth year, I have been working diligently to ensure the safety of all students during these unprecedented times. Thankfully, our enrollment did stay stable throughout the Pandemic. Our students are leaders in the community, and they continue to have achievement in high school, college and beyond! We have a very solid church/school relationship, and the Vestry has been very supportive of the school during this time of transition.

Here are many of the events that happened at Trinity School in 2020:

- The last day in person learning took place on Friday, March 6, 2020. It was also Grandparents and Special Friends Day.
- We were able to pivot and have online learning up and running within two weeks!
- Faculty and staff worked diligently to create an innovative and creative learning experiences. Textbook distribution in K-8 of all books, journals and materials were bagged and distributed.

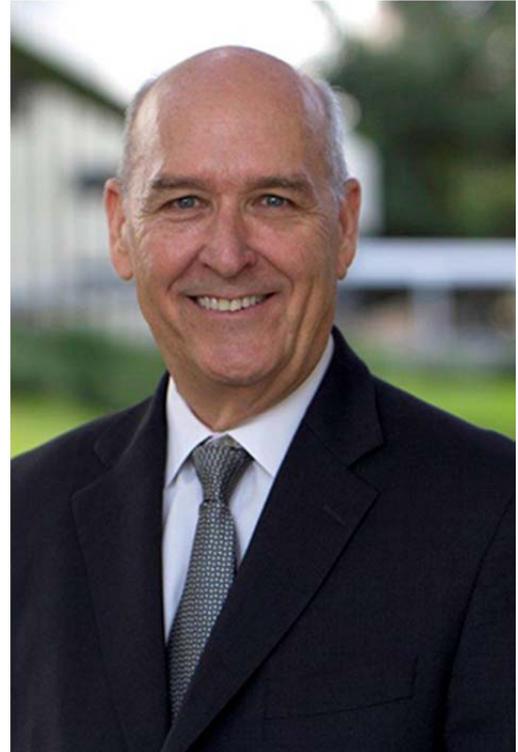
- No families have been allowed into the school since March 6th unless for an orientation or individual meeting.
- Technology: A grant enabled us to have electronic devices for all students during the pandemic.
- Trinity was one of the first school's in Texas to have an in-person graduation on campus. Reverend Susan Kennard presided and was our commencement speaker.
- We were able to secure private grants and a PPP loan to get us through these difficult times.
- Internet access on all campuses was a priority as we initiated a Bring Your Own Device Program for grades 4 through 8, bandwidth, switches and a firewall were added throughout the school and church to ensure exceptional educational experiences!
- The Board of Trustees, faculty and staff rose to the occasion to guarantee the sustainability of Trinity School.
- We started the school year with 255 students and 30 of those students were off campus in our Accommodated learning Program.
- To date we still have 9 students in our Accommodated Learning Program.
- We were one of the first schools in the area to open and we have stayed open since Aug. 19th!

Trinity School serves 4% of school aged students on the island and we continue to be the premier independent school on Galveston Island.

2021 Vestry Candidates

Bart Adriance

My full name is John LaBarthe Adriance, but most know me as Bart. Since birth, Trinity Church has been an integral part of my life. Some religious life events there include baptism, confirmation, several revivals, and weddings including mine, my mother's second to Lee Ansell, my sister's, and many friends. They also include baptisms, confirmations, and funerals of friends and family members. I attended pre-kindergarten and kindergarten as well as Sunday school, was an acolyte for 3+ years, in the children's choir for 5+ years, and was in EYC while a teen. More recently, I have made and served meals on Suzette and Jon Schultz's Salvation Army team and occasionally helped as an usher and a lay reader at the 5:30 service. This service and commitment mirrors Gloria Adriance Ansell's (my mother) life-long commitment to numerous volunteer services to Trinity. My grandmother, Cora Kierbow, also attended and was married at Trinity Church. I've served with former rectors Ed Gibson, Roger Cilley, John Donovan, John Caskey, and Susan Kennard as well as many associate rectors.



Not surprisingly, God played another major role in my life when he led me back to the island after 30 years to care for my mother in her final years. After meeting Susan and Bill Kennard, I renewed my commitment to the church and soon after, while buying EYC brownies in Eaton Hall, met and later married Deborah Kollar. Today, together with Debbie, we have committed to serving the church, with God's help, in a more expanded role as opportunities present and where we have the time to do so. We both still hold full-time jobs associated with the medical profession- Debbie as a nurse practitioner at Texas Children's Hospital and me as a medical capital equipment senior sales consultant. Collectively we have 7 siblings and their 6 spouses, 3 grown sons and 3 grown daughters, 6 grandchildren with another due in May, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom we love. At this time, we have 2 places we live, one in Houston and the other in downtown Galveston. Together, we love to cook, travel, listen to music, and take long walks on Galveston's East beach.

Sally Byrom

My first experience in Galveston was in 1983, when my husband Jim and I moved here upon his completion of law school at Baylor University. I was a teacher at Trinity Episcopal School for 2 years when we moved to Austin and raised our three children; Annie, Jack, and Ellie. In 2011, we returned to our favorite place to live. Since then we have enjoyed our friends, our community, and our church. I have enjoyed an active private practice in Professional Counseling for the past 11 years. I am currently serving as the President of Daughters of the King at Trinity. I look forward to serving on the Trinity Vestry and will be praying for our church and our congregation – many blessings to come.



Jerry Jackson

Jerry Jackson has attended Trinity since moving to Galveston in 2000. He has previously served on the Vestry and occasionally taught Sunday School. Before moving to Galveston he served in the Signal Corps, US Army and was a JAG in the Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, he served as mister-mom for his daughter Carrie and also did a variety of different volunteer jobs in various communities. After moving to Galveston, he went back to school and started teaching at the University of Houston-Main where he rose to become the Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, a position he held for over 10 years until his retirement from full-time duties. He currently teaches part-time at UH-Main, primarily law and political science courses. He is married to Nancy Lee Peterson of Galveston and has two daughters [Audrey Stokesbary and Carrie Zende Del] and five grandchildren.



Bill Leopold

Hello, my name is Bill Leopold. I moved back to Galveston 11 years ago and have been a member of Trinity for the past 9 years. I have enjoyed volunteering here at Trinity by participating as an Usher and in Alter Guild for the 10:30 service. Also, by hosting Supper Club in my home several times. I first started attending services here at Trinity almost 50 years ago. I can truly say I love this town and could not imagine living anywhere else. Currently I am in between jobs and have been taking medical courses at Galveston College. I feel so privileged to have been elected to the Vestry and look forward to serving you and helping out any way I can. It is with great excitement that I look forward to the future and seeing what lies ahead for Trinity.



Tammie Taylor

Tammie has been a member of Trinity for two+ years and attends the 8 am service. She currently serves on the altar guild, the intercessory prayer team and when it reconvenes, the adult formation committee. She and her husband Bill relocated to Galveston from her native Houston in 2006, and joined St. Augustine of Hippo. Prior to that, they were long-time members of Emmanuel Episcopal on Houston's west side. Tammie served multiple terms on the vestry of both churches, taught adult Sunday school and confirmation classes, and led Education for Ministry as the mentor in both Houston and Galveston. She also served on the board of William Temple, working closely with the staff of Episcopal Relief & Development post-Ike. Tammie and her sister are co-owners of Antiques on 23rd and her family owns Play on the Strand, Galveston's toy store. She is eager to contribute to Trinity's efforts to further God's kingdom in whatever way the Lord directs.

