

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



THE GOOD NEWS

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Well, it's been a month and a half since we've been able to worship together in person. Part of me is surprised that's all it's been. We've had virtual Eucharist which I hope has filled a need for all of us. But it's not the same. I'm looking forward to looking out and seeing your faces, hearing your voices and placing the Body of Christ in your hands. That day's coming, but it won't be before June 1. I hope we can get together for Trinity Sunday which is June 7. We'll see. Even then, things will have to be different. Physical distancing will still, I'm sure, be the norm. I doubt the common cup will be used for quite some time. The peace will still be non-hugging.

I also think that on-line streaming of the services will continue in some form. We're getting up to 550 views of our Sunday Facebook Live streams each week. That is too great of evangelism to ignore. That is certainly one of the blessings God has given us in this time of curse.

So, I want to start a discussion among us. What do we have to do to be ready to resume in person worship? Right now, the governor has decreed no more than 25% of capacity gather at one time. Our 8:00 service would work. 10:30 would not. Even if we went to 50%, 10:30 would be close.

Do we go to 3 services, say 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00? Do we make everyone wear masks? How do we administer Communion while staying 6 feet apart? Do I wear a mask and gloves? How much are we willing to invest in a permanent live streaming system? How do we disinfect the church between services? How do we pass the plate? Do we have kid acolytes? Do we process in and out? Do we have any sort of fellowship time between or after services? How do we convince immunosuppressed members to stay home? How do we take communion to those who are homebound?

I'm sure there are many other questions I haven't thought of. I really want your thoughts. And, we need to start planning right now. We may need to hire new staff or rearrange existing staffs' schedules. We may need to buy new equipment or supplies. We may have to start advertising new service times. All of this takes time and planning. I am going to put together a "Restoring public worship" task force to consider and implement that which will make up our new normal.

I truly believe "a new normal" is inevitable. It offers some challenges, but also offers new opportunities. Let's deal with the former and run with the latter! We will not only survive this current darkness, we will come out of it stronger, more committed, more faithful and more resilient than ever before.

God bless us all. Keep the faith, stay home, and wash your hands.

Bob+

Thank You

Kari, Colby and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful show of love and support. The "Love and Thanks" yard decoration was great. The parade was so much fun. The cookies and cards have touched our hearts. We are blessed every day to be a part of the Holy Trinity family. We love you all.

And, if not already covered,

Although we are not meeting face to face, our expenses such as salaries, utilities, insurance and the like continue. Many of you are used to dropping your pledge or other donations in the plate on Sunday. We haven't figured out how to do that on-line. Please send in your pledges and donations into the office on a regular basis. There is a way, on our website, to donate, either one time, or on a recurring basis. One thing on that: we are charged around 3% for on-line giving. Please consider adding that to your donation so that we receive the amount you meant to give.

Thank you

Upcoming Meeting:
Vestry Zoom Meeting
Monday
May 11th
at 6:00 pm

At this time all in-person worship is cancelled.
Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am
Live on facebook!
Our service and bulletin is available on our website as well.

PLEASE NOTE

Please note - Our staff has part time hours and are working remotely as well. If you need assistance please call the Parish office 683.4207. Thank you!

Prayer List

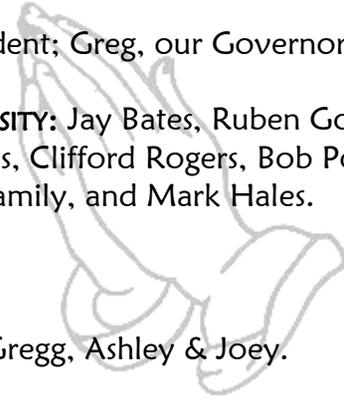
THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT: Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.

FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Barbara Jowell, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Clifford Rogers, Bob Poer, Kathryn, Rayna Kennedy, Diane Brown, Jinna, The Riggs and Grella family, and Mark Hales.

For all those in quarantine, or affected by COVID-19.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

Expectant Families: Trisha & Cody Seth, Destiny & Donnie, Tracey & Gregg, Ashley & Joey.



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1st - Will Tindol

3rd - Frank McCabe

5th - Susan Jowell

7th - Kieffer Scarborough

8th - Teresa Byrom

11th - Cathy Graham, Anne Bates

13th - Jim Bakke

18th - Kathy Grella

22nd - Brooks Stewart

23rd - Jane Williams, Ross Montgomery

24th - Janet Sam, Betsy Overton

27th - Megan Irwin, Mark Wheeler



UTO Update

Our Spring Ingathering was originally scheduled for May 3, but since we can't gather people, we can't gather boxes. Please continue to fill your boxes with coins and prayers, and we'll gather both people and boxes when it's healthy to do so. If your box is full, there will be boxes available in the church office, or fill whatever you have available. Remember to count your blessings, stay healthy, safe, and we'll celebrate when we're all back together.

Blessings, Your UTO Team

Jubilee Center Update

Jubilee Center is now up and running under new guidelines. The distributions are still on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, but it is no longer a Client Choice Pantry.

Food is prepackaged in 40 pound boxes from the West Texas Food Bank and loaded into clients' cars. They are unable to accept donations of food at this time.

The volunteers participating for check in and loading must watch a training video and wear protective clothing including gloves, masks, and overalls which are provided. They must also be between the ages of 21-50.

These changes were instituted by the Board for the safety of all during the COVID 19 crisis, and will be lifted when it is deemed safe to do so.

Even though some of us can't actively participate during this time, it is a relief to know that our friends and clients are still able to receive needed food and support. We can all support them with our prayers.

Those who are able and willing to participate in the pantries, please call Rev. Keith Gibbons (432)520-0671.

The May pantries are scheduled for May 9 and 23.

Peace and Blessings

Class of 2020



Kelsea Tipping is a senior at Greenwood High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, competed on the GHS Debate Team and was elected to the Homecoming Court. Throughout her years of high school Kelsea has participated in Greenwood's athletic program in volleyball, varsity track, and varsity cheer. Outside of school Kelsea was selected to the Danné Braden Photography Rep Team. She serves regularly as an Acolyte at

Holy Trinity, participates in EYC and volunteers at the Jubilee Center. Kelsea enjoys baking and spending time with her family. She has earned the Legacy Scholarship and will attend Midland College in the fall for a year and then transfer to a university to study optometry.

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Ethan Thames is a high school senior at the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities (TALH) at Lamar University in Beaumont. He is the president of the TALH chapter of Junior State of America. He represents TALH as Senior Captain, was twice named on the President's List, and twice won the Texas 11 Congressional App Challenge. He volunteers with LEAP for Learning, teaching gifted and talented fifth graders leadership and creativity skills. He helped plan and organize the quashed prom of 2020 as well as the graduation ceremony that was not to be. Outside of school Ethan is a political activist and enjoys volunteering for political candidates. Previously at Holy Trinity he served as an Acolyte and played the pipe organ whenever he had the opportunity. He will major in political science at Texas Tech and hopes to become an attorney.



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1412 West Illinois Ave
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Sunday - May 3, 2020
10:30 am Rite II - Live Stream Service

Monday - May 4, 2020

Tuesday - May 5, 2020

Wednesday - May 6, 2020

Thursday - May 7, 2020

Friday - May 8, 2020

Readings for Sunday May 3rd
Lem: Kate Menaul
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

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