

OUTREACH MINISTRY

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Strawberry Festival at Holy Trinity is an annual tradition that began in 1930. This is truly a church-wide event that requires every able-bodied person to pitch in. Almost 80 years of consecutive festivals have brought the Dickinson and surrounding areas to our campus to enjoy strawberry shortcake, barbecue plates, games, crafts, baked goods, pony rides, music, and so much more. Each year is a new opportunity to familiarize our expanded community with the many good things at Holy Trinity.

The festival takes place on the first Saturday of May. Preparations begin in March and include but are not limited to baking shortcakes, growing plants, gathering items for the white elephant booth, recruiting arts and crafts vendors and the scheduling of members for various shifts and crews during the festival.

You can count on being called upon to offer whatever assistance you can. Sign up with a smile and join a crew!

Opportunities include selling tickets, manning the kitchen and food pavilion, selling plants, working in the White Elephant booth, cotton candy and shaved ice booth, running games, helping with the pony rides, and much more. Setup and takedown are also crucial to the success of the event!

Frank Smith and Tim Wilhelm are co-chairpersons.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United operates the **Open Door Thrift Shop** located on FM 517 between I-45 and Hwy 3 here in Dickinson. The few churches involved in volunteering are called to provide volunteers at the thrift shop three to four months out of the year. Volunteers assist the Cashier in bagging items and other assorted light duties.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are called the week prior to the month for which our church is responsible so that they may choose a convenient time to volunteer.

Interesting Facts about Open Door:

1. Local citizens bring in donations of clothing, household items, etc, for the Thrift Shop to sell. It is recycling with a heart.
2. Once a year, sizeable monetary donations from these sales are made to local community agencies.
3. These donations are from the net operating funds after all expenses are met.

This endeavor brings together Christian women who celebrate and expand their faith as they join together in community to encourage spirituality through helping others.

Please consider joining the many Holy Trinity members who have worked on this outreach consistently over the years.

Contact: Jane Hime, Board Secretary, Church Women United - 281-337-3235

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M.I. LEWIS SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Holy Trinity helps to financially support the M.I. Lewis Service Center with a monthly donation check and scheduled food drives. This is our way of helping meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged members of the Dickinson community. If you are interested in learning more about the Center and how you can help, please contact

Jamie Blevins, Vestry Outreach at 281-614-0743

EMPTY STOCKING

Empty Stocking is a Ministry to give children and needy families a gift-filled Christmas. Prospective children and families are screened beforehand and qualified as to their needs. The effort begins with the Thanksgiving Service, held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and continues through mid-December. Empty Stocking wish cards are available the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The wrapped gifts are due back to the church in early December for distribution in mid-December.

Contact: Helene Stein - 281-614-5228

HOSPICE CARE TEAM

This is the first year of outreach partnering with the Hospice Care Team (HCT) located in Texas City. The HCT is the oldest nonprofit community based hospice and the only one in Galveston and Brazoria counties that provides hope, help and comfort to residents of the Upper Texas Gulf Coast.

Since 1981, the goal of our hospice team is to never turn anyone away based on ability to pay. It costs approximately \$140.00 a day to care for a hospice patient receiving routine care. Holy Trinity is committed to helping raise funds to provide care for the dying indigent.

Holy Trinity was responsible for a Texas Diocesan grant award of \$1,200.00 to HCT. We also will provide a public venue for volunteer recruitment, training of volunteers, and assistance in promoting presentations to bring the surrounding communities into awareness of the hospice indigent care needs.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S MINISTRIES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

"We are Episcopal Church Women of all ages, ethnic origins and socioeconomic backgrounds who hold a variety of views with the common denominator of loving God and the wish to do His work." *National Episcopal Church Women*

Our mission is centered in the congregation and empowers women to do Christ's ministry in the world.

Our vision for all women of the Episcopal Church is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church. We aspire to be a Godspark shining and sharing the love of Christ.

Various ongoing fundraising efforts are currently in place including Kroger's good neighbor program and Ziegler Groceries. Fundraising ideas and leaders are always welcome!

Contact: Paige Hill, ECW President, 281-534-2234

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a missionary and evangelism ministry of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. In fact, it is the oldest evangelistic ministry of the Episcopal Church. Our goal is to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ.

There are three disciplines: The discipline of prayer, the discipline of study, and the discipline of service. Each discipline is practiced with the goal of developing a strong personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Contact: Joe Wilhelm – 281-316-6528

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The breakfast ministry consists of providing breakfast every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers sign up each week to do the cooking, buffet serving, and kitchen cleanup.

Sunday breakfast is an opportunity for early service attendees to meet and commune with the second service attendees. It is a time of Christian fellowship for all ages. The ministry was recently taken over by the Episcopal Christian Women (ECW). If you would like to volunteer to assist with a breakfast or do one yourself, please sign up on the calendar which is located on the first bulletin board on your left as you enter the parish hall.

Contact: Donna Richards – 281-337-1158

Guidelines for Preparing Breakfast* *Plan to prepare for 30-40 people*

Dot and Otto Hill buy the breakfast food and supplies each week. Usually, there are eggs, sausage, biscuits, butter spread, frozen fruit, sweets, etc., in the freezer in the back kitchen labeled '**Breakfast Freezer**'. Please check beforehand to make sure that the food you want to serve is available. If you need something special, you must purchase those items yourself. Be sure to keep your receipts so that you may receive reimbursement for your out-of-pocket expenses.

There are additional staples in the back kitchen on steel racks. These staples include syrup, jelly, salt and pepper, cereal, etc.

Important: The coffee pot takes approximately 20 minutes to complete its cycle. Plug the pot in and wait for the green light to come on. Place the filter in the basket and fill it with three (3) scoops of coffee. Usually, you will need two (2) pots of regular coffee and two (2) pots of decaffeinated coffee. Use the Styrofoam cups to cut down on clean-up time.

Refrigerators: The stainless steel refrigerator in the front (green) kitchen is for breakfast. The refrigerators in the back are for overflow, only.

Ovens: The double oven in the green kitchen is convenient but limited in size. There is a larger oven in the back kitchen; also, there is a convection oven for which you need instructions. Please talk to Dot Hill or Helene Stein to receive those instructions.

Paper Products: The paper supplies are kept in the pantry between the front and back kitchens. Check towards the end of the week prior to your Sunday to make sure there are enough products for your meal. If not, please purchase what you need and take the money from the donation basket after breakfast.

Cleanup: Please wash forks, knives, and other items you use to prepare breakfast and put them away. Please take out the garbage to the dumpster behind the pavilion and make sure the tables are clear and cleaned. Please take home and wash any dish clothes or towels and return them to the church for the next week.

* Please refer to kitchen layout

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MEMORIAL MINISTRIES

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower ministry is an opportunity to provide glory to God, honor or remember loved ones and mark special events. Parishioners are asked to sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Calendar which is located next to the serve-through of the front kitchen in the parish hall.

Guidelines for Altar Flowers:

Only fresh cut flowers may be used on the Altar. Absolutely no silk or artificial flowers may be used.

The Flower Calendar is placed in the parish hall in January of each new year. You may make a dedication for a departed loved one, a birthday, an anniversary, or other special occasion. Write your dedication on the calendar; if there is not enough room, please email or call the church office at peace@holyltrinitydickinson.org or 281-337-1833.

There are two local flower shops – Crowder on 517 & 646 or Bami's on 517 & St. Goar St. Both have keys to the church. Crowder has been very good to the church through the years by purchasing floral items and seasonal plants at cost.

Call the florist the Monday before the Sunday for which you have signed. Place your order, pay for it, and ask for the flowers to be delivered on Saturday. Unless otherwise instructed, the florist will use a utility container that does not have to be returned. If you would like to use brass or another special container, please contact the Altar Guild Director.

The flowers placed on the altar may not be taken home after the service. They are distributed by the Altar Guild to an ill or homebound parishioner. However, if you wish to take them to a hospital, nursing home, or cemetery, please notify the Altar Guild.

Helene Stein, Altar Guild Directress – 281-614-5228

THE MEMORIALS MINISTRY

Memorial Funds provide an opportunity for friends and relatives to contribute to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in memory of their departed loved ones. Memorial gifts are spent for permanent church appointments of lasting quality to beautify the Church and enhance Worship, with the approval of our priest and vestry. Memorial gifts designated '*The Book of Remembrance*' will have the names of the deceased inscribed in Holy Trinity's *Book of Remembrance*. This book is on display in the cabinet on the right as you enter the church narthex.

When the church receives a memorial gift, a handwritten thank-you note is sent to the donor; the family of the deceased is notified giving the name and address of the donor. The amount of the memorial gift is never mentioned. The Memorials chairperson works with family members in choosing an appropriate memorial. Some examples of memorial gifts are sacramental vessels, altar linens and hangings, vestments, bibles, prayer books and hymnals, garden statuary and benches, stained glass windows, pictures and/or paintings, and the *Stations of the Cross*.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND MEMORIAL MINISTRIES

Memorial Gifts and those designated as *'The Book of Remembrance'* are deposited into the Memorials Fund, a designated fund that can only be used for memorial expenses. These gifts are tax deductible and are used to the Glory of God.

The Memorials Committee: Anne Perry, Chairperson, Helen Stein, Donna Richards, Paige Hill and Joe Wilhelm.

Contact: Anne Perry – 281-337-1364

WORSHIP MINISTRY

ADULT ACOLYTES

Adult acolytes are needed to assist with the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. The acolytes meet in the narthex 15 minutes before the service to receive assigned responsibilities.

Temporarily suspended

THE ALTAR GUILD

"All men and women who have been confirmed are eligible for Altar Guild work. Membership in the guild should be at the invitation of the rector or vicar. Because of the high privilege of serving in God's sanctuary and at His altar, the priest will choose those whom he or she feels have shown a deep love for our Lord, His church, and altar."

Handbook for Altar Guilds, Diocese of Texas, 1998

Contact: Helene Stein - 281-614-5228 for specific information about duties and responsibilities.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person trained and authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon or the Rector.

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon or the Rector.

LECTORS

The Lectors read the lessons during the Sunday services. Strong speaking and reading skills make our Lectors an important part of the service. Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis; your personal schedule will be taken into consideration.

Contact: (Vestry) Jay Hill – 281-534-223 or Ronnie Bishop – 281-559-1185

GREETERS

There is nothing more welcoming to visitors and newcomers than a happy, smiling person at the front door of the church greeting folks as they enter to worship in God's house. Our greeters are the first impression visitors have of our congregation and our ministry. It is absolutely crucial that all greeters serve with joy and concern. Please join this ministry and welcome our community each Sunday.

Contact: Jane Hime – 281-337-3235

USHERS

The usher contingency (two people per service) rotate Sundays each taking one Sunday service a month. The duties extend from handing out service bulletins in the narthex to taking up the offering during the Great Thanksgiving, to facilitating the congregation coming to the communion table, to serving as safeguards of the congregation during the service. We're always looking for new volunteers.

Contact: Jay Hill – 281-534-223

WORSHIP MINISTRY

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King is open to all women in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. A daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and to the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. Daughters of the King have made the commitment to serve God and wear crosses as an outward and visible sign that they cannot live a day without Christ in their lives. They are a community of nurturing women accepting all people, bridging differences and cherishing traditions. Moving toward the 21st century, empowered by the Holy Spirit, their vision is to encourage and enable all to be reflections of God's love, reaching out through prayer, service and evangelism to spread His kingdom. There are currently 81 chapters in the Diocese of Texas and 2100 Members and more than 16,000 Worldwide. Daughters of the King receive prayer requests from the diocesan home page at fcusa97@flash.net

The D.O.K. members at Holy Trinity provide the personal prayer resource after each Sunday worship service in the prayer room located off the narthex.

Contact: Chrissie Davis – 281-337-7053

PRAYER TEAM

The prayer team is a group of people who pray for others upon request. This team is set in motion through email and phone calls. You can participate at home or at work, in your car or grocery store. Anywhere you feel comfortable offering up a prayer for those in need is appropriate. If you believe in the power of prayer and would like to participate, simply contact: **Donna Richards – 281-337-1158** or dlrich48@comcast.net

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS POLICY

Safeguarding God's Children is a training program for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and youth. The program provides participants information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. If every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.

The Diocese of Texas requires all who are employed by the congregation, all who work for the Diocese and its institutions, and all who work or volunteer with children and youth to take this training from a diocesan-certified trainer. Diocesan certificates will be issued upon completion of the course. Also required: a criminal background check, an application form, references and reference check

THE NURSERY

Our newly refurbished nursery provides an opportunity for church members to interact with children up to three years old. Rocking chairs, a mechanized swing, appropriate books, toys, and activities are available.

Contact: Lyn Linkenhoker, Christian Formation Director – 281-339-2135

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is the Christian Formation component for children ages four through ten. The children meet in room 9 at 10:00 for Fellowship, Friends & Fun Kid time. They will move to room 8 for Children's Chapel at 10:15 then at 10:30 they will go to rooms 7, 8, & 9 for Sunday school. All will join the church service at 11:10 for Peace. Volunteer teachers are always needed and welcome.

Contact: Lyn Linkenhoker, Christian Formation Director – 281-339-2135

THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

The EYC is a program for young people ages 11-18. The program consists of Sunday morning study sessions from 9:30 – 10:15, and a wide variety of service projects, fun activities, and off-campus trips and activities. Chaperones and drivers are needed on a regular basis. We rotate our volunteers so that the time commitment is about one Wednesday a month and one off-campus activity every other month. We also have a mentor's program where we match adult mentors to youths with specific talents or goals. ***We especially need male volunteers and role models!***

Adult Leaders: Ken & Amber Hux, Tim Willhelm, and Paige Hill

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

FACILITIES

Special skills are always needed for the upkeep of the church. Carpentry, electrical, A/C, painting, power washing, and other assorted odd-jobs await all handymen and handywomen. The old adage, many hands make light work, is ever so much more pronounced in the facility maintenance arena. Please offer to help our crew on the work days that are held throughout the year.

Contact: Ken Hux – 409-771-3189

TECHNOLOGIES

Keeping the church technologies up-to-date is an ongoing process. The office computers, printers, fax machine, phone system, Internet and wireless connections, and copier provide lots of opportunities to love and serve. If you are a computer buff and would like to help with these projects, you are most welcome!

Contact: Joel Hawkins – 281-534-6286

OFFICE HELP

Each week there are bulletins to be printed and folded, special inserts to be prepared, church records to be updated, files to be sorted and straightened, phones to be answered, and general clerical support provided. The office is open M –TH, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Roxane Leary, Parish Administrator – 281-337-1833

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES

THE BAYOU BEACON

The *Bayou Beacon* is Holy Trinity's monthly newsletter. The newsletter serves the essential function of keeping the parishioners, friends of the congregation, other churches, and interested parties informed about all of the church activities and events. The newsletter is produced in-house which requires written articles, folding, taping, labeling, sorting, counting, and mailing. Volunteers meet once a month to carry out the production tasks. Written articles must be approved by the Vestry.

Contact: Zo Curtis – 281-337-1937

TELEPHONE TREE

The Telephone Tree is activated by the Team Captain for special occasions, change of time for Sunday services or other important events occurring within the Church. The Team Captain calls 5 Team members who call 5 people who then call 5 people. In this way, all members are notified. This ministry can be done from home; activation does not occur frequently. Volunteers are always needed.

Contact: Jane Hime – 281-337-3235

HOLY TRINITY WEBSITE

The web address is: www.holytrinitydickinson.org. Please visit often and send suggestions for content to peace@holytrinitydickinson.org