



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GALVESTON, TEXAS

Founded in 1841, and still making history.



ANNUAL REPORT

Distributed at
The Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 23, 2022





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.

As an Episcopal Church, we are part of the Diocese of Texas, which comprises the 57 counties of southeast Texas. 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 Christian Education for Children – Danielle Alvarado

Head of Trinity Episcopal School – Marie Kidd

AGENDA

Sunday, January 23, 2022

- 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 2022
- 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**

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 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.”

2021 VESTRY

2021 Vestry Members with Term Ending January 2022

Dotsy Balentine
Mary Lou Shuffler
Rowan Daugherty (resigned April 2020)
(remaining year filled by Bart Adriance)
John VanDewalli (term ended July 2021)

2021 Vestry Members with Term Ending January 2023

Susan Duif
Mike Malloy
Tom Wimbrow
Robert Krout (resigned April 2021)
(to be filled by candidate* elected this year)

2021 Vestry Members with Term Ending January 2024

Sally Byrom
Bill Leopold
Tammie Taylor
Jerry Jackson

2022 VESTRY CANDIDATES

Slate of Candidates to be elected for 2022 Vestry with Term Ending January 2025

Bart Adriance
Bill Ansell
Laura Hughes* (filling 1-year term)
Linda Macdonald
Theron Pfeifer

2022 DIOCESAN COUNCIL DELEGATE CANDIDATES

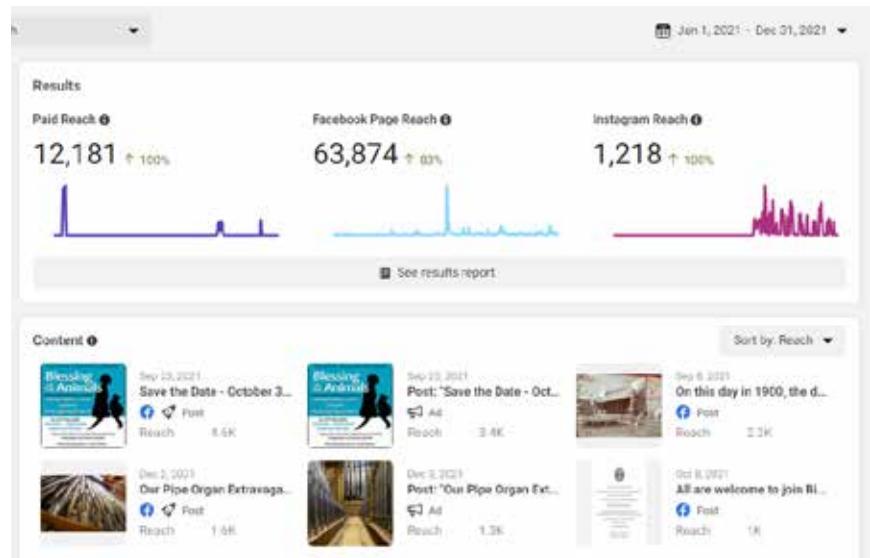
Laura Hughes, Mike Malloy, John VanDewalli and Kathy VanDewalli

Photos and biographies for Vestry and Delegate Candidates on pages 20-23.

2021

Total Number of Members	603
Average Sunday Attendance*	89
*Due to COVID, in-person attendance did not take place for the entire year.	
Baptisms	6
Confirmations	1
Burial Services	12
Weddings	5

2021 FACEBOOK ANALYTICS



TRINITY EPISCOPAL'S 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
 Galveston Police Department
 Seafarers Center of Galveston
 Boy Scouts of America - Troop 104
 Girl Scout - Troop 137026
 Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
 William Temple Episcopal Center



**So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,
 but only God, who makes things grow.
 - I Corinthians 3:7**

FINANCE REPORT

John Speich, Interim Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Speich, Interim Treasurer

Members Bill Ansell, Camille Haglund, Finance Director, Laura Hughes, the Rev. Jimmy Abbott, 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.

2021 was an unusual year for the church, as it was for the entire world, due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

The Balance Sheet on December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 are as follows:

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Balance Sheet Analysis
December 2021 vs 2020

	Balance 2021	Balance 2020
Assets		
Current Assets	\$749,522.85	\$669,564.22
Investments	\$1,947,062.99	\$1,830,736.55
Fixed Assets	\$4,085,801.34	\$4,069,622.58
Total Assets	<u>\$6,782,387.18</u>	<u>\$6,569,923.35</u>
 Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities	\$98,106.14	\$148,218.62
Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received	\$4,223,073.83	\$4,171,022.10
Temporary Restricted Funds	\$519,975.44	\$431,165.60
Permanent Restricted Funds	\$1,941,231.77	\$1,819,517.03
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	<u>\$6,782,387.18</u>	<u>\$6,569,923.35</u>

Cash in the church's operating accounts totaled \$308,306.74 of which the Vestry has temporarily designated \$79,450.00 for the possible addition of a Curate in 2022.

Total Revenue during the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$775,517.63. Operating Expenses were

\$739,644.66 resulting in Net Operating Margin of \$35,872.97.

Prepaid 2022 pledges of \$98,533.48 were received during 2021.

The 2022 annual budget, prepared by the committee working closely with Camille Haglund,

Finance Director, was approved by the Vestry at its December meeting.

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2021 vs 2022 Budget Comparison

Accounts	Actual 2021 Year	Annual Budget 2021	Annual Budget 2022
Revenues			
Pledges	\$470,871.04	\$466,000.00	\$525,000.00
Plate Offerings	\$18,643.68	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Special Offerings	\$27,025.50	\$11,300.00	\$22,800.00
Other Contributions	\$71,314.79	\$23,000.00	\$53,860.00
Other Income	\$33,668.49	\$106,600.00	\$46,518.00
Temp Restricted Transfers	\$2,074.13	\$2,500.00	\$15,750.00
Endowment Transfers	\$151,920.00	\$152,000.00	\$152,000.00
Total Revenues	\$775,517.63	\$771,400.00	\$855,928.00
Expenses			
Diocesan	\$74,113.00	\$74,863.00	\$74,841.00
Parish Ministries	\$63,118.27	\$60,000.00	\$63,500.00
Property Expenses	\$196,607.08	\$204,000.00	\$199,700.00
Personnel Costs			
Salaries/Compensations	\$314,355.50	\$320,794.12	\$414,288.00
Other Personnel Cost	\$44,865.94	\$47,141.00	\$54,220.00
Administration Expenses	\$46,584.87	\$51,000.00	\$50,500.00
Total Expenses	\$739,644.66	\$757,798.12	\$857,049.00
Net Total	\$35,872.97	\$13,601.88	(-\$1,121.00)

In 2020 the church was funded for a \$79,100.00 Paycheck Protection Program loan with Frost Bank. During 2021 application for forgiveness was made and subsequently granted.

I want to thank all those who have made a commitment to the work of Trinity by making a 2022 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.

There were no major unanticipated maintenance events in 2021, and total maintenance expenses came in below the budgeted amount.

Items completed in 2021 included:

- Repair of the outside lighting for the altar stained glass window. Potential modification to increase the brightness level of the lighting with energy efficient LED lighting is under investigation.
- Repairs to several sections of fencing and a gate at the Trinity cemetery were performed using funds from an existing cemetery maintenance account.
- Continued engagement with the pest control contractor to ensure termite control measures remain effective in preventing termite infestation and damage.

- Negotiated a new contract for supply of electric power for Trinity Church and School. Contract provides a fixed price for a term of 48 months with an option to renegotiate should power cost decline during the contract term.

Anticipated maintenance items for 2022 include:

- Repair of roof leaks above the stairway west of the choir vesting room and Ron Wyatt's office and replacement of a fallen roof drain downspout.
- Installation of an emergency telephone in the Eaton Hall elevator
- Repair of broken, fallen, and sinking headstones in Trinity cemetery.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sally Byrom, Committee Chair

A Search Committee was chosen by the Vestry in May of 2021 to begin the process of finding a new priest for Trinity Episcopal. It was comprised of 10 members of our Congregation: Ann Anderson, Bill Ansell, Sally Byrom, Nita Caskey, John Ferguson, Laura Hughes, John Kelso, Shannon Pfeiffer, Tammy Taylor, and John VanDewalli. Our Senior Warden, Susan Duif, was also involved and present at all meetings. Sally Byrom served as Chair of the Committee.

The Committee met virtually for a Diocesan Search Committee Training on Saturday, May 22. Following the training, using the Church Profile, the Committee created a series of questions designed to help discern the right candidate for our parish. The Diocese began to send candidates to interview. The Committee divided into subcommittees to interview five separate candidates for

consideration. The interviews were approximately two hours each. With permission, interviews were recorded and viewed by each Committee member. By unanimous vote, the Search Committee selected the Reverend Jimmy Abbott. Mr. Abbott's nomination was presented to the Vestry for vote on Tuesday, July 27. The vote passed.

The Reverend Jimmy Abbott began his ministry at Trinity on Sunday, August 22. There was a luncheon to celebrate his first Sunday.

Thank you to this wonderful Search Committee, Susan Duif, and the Vestry for their hard work to choose our Rector. We continue to be thankful he accepted Trinity Episcopal as his current position.

Pandemic, Part 2

I've lost track of exactly how we worshipped at any given moment this year, but worship we did! Most importantly, since August we have not only worshipped in person at 8:00 and 10:30 every Sunday, but almost all traditional activities have been reinstated. Children's and Adult Sunday School, the Nursery, Coffee Hour, Bible Studies, Vestry and Committee meetings – all are happening, usually in person. It is good that we all know how to use the Zoom option, however, as it is just more convenient sometimes. It is no longer necessary to routinely stream our services in their entirety, but an abridged online service is available each week.

Transition

The Reverend Lillian Hyde continued as our full-time interim rector from January through July, 2021. During her tenure, she not only navigated the constantly evolving circumstances of the pandemic, but also helped us prepare to call a new rector. We are grateful to her and Bill for all the gifts they brought to us.

Our 12th Rector

In 2021, we called and welcomed the Reverend Jimmy Abbott as the 12th rector of Trinity Galveston.

Early in the year, Profile Committee members, Ann Anderson, Olivia Meyer, and Kathy VanDewall finished designing a very professional and effective web-based profile that served as our "job posting." By May, the Search Committee had been selected and trained. Each of them devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to the process and their devotion to our church was inspiring to observe. The diocese sent us excellent candidates to consider, but in the end the decision to call Jimmy was not difficult. I have completely enjoyed collaborating with him these first months of his life with us and am positive that under his leadership we are just beginning a journey of growth and renewal.

Gratitude

We certainly could not have navigated this year of transitions and adjustments without the perseverance and adaptability of our staff, lay leaders, and clergy. We all owe them all a huge thank you for a job well done. As senior warden, I am especially appreciative of the support, willingness to serve and good cheer of the vestry. Lay ministries have continued to be active and effective through the efforts and support of each of you.

Finally, I am grateful to each of you for the support and prayers that made this year's progress possible. And I am confident of your continued devotion to our beloved parish as we move from strength to strength in this new season of our ministry as God's people in this historic place.

My prayer is that each of us will faithfully and prayerfully consider where we can best serve God here at Trinity, using the many gifts and blessings he has bestowed in us.



Photo: Bill Abbott

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- Philippians 1:2

2021 is a year that I will never forget, both for all the blessings we received and the challenges we faced. In the course of the year, Trinity Church continued to face the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic, dealt with the bitter February freeze, and said farewell to an interim rector, Head of School, and Executive Director of the William Temple Center. Despite these challenges, Trinity Church thrived by hosting a fantastic summer Vacation Bible School, breaking all its goals for the annual pledge campaign, and by calling a new interim Head of School and a new rector. As Dickens so memorably wrote, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Nevertheless, Trinity Church remained faithful to God and, as always, God remained faithful to Trinity Church.

Search and Call

I realize that my memory of Trinity Church in 2021 began on August 16. You all did so much before I even started, that I will have to leave that to those who were present. Therefore, I will pick up where I started. Along those lines, I want to thank Sally Byrom and the entire Search Committee for their grace and faithfulness during the interview process. They asked tough questions! Furthermore, I want to thank the Vestry for welcoming me and helping me get started here in Galveston. Maggie, Lydia, and I love living here and we are so very grateful for all of you and for our new community.

Transitions

My transition was not the only one that our community has been working through. Larissa Botik, who had served as the director of the William Temple Center for seven years, stepped down last fall. She was always a friend and pastor to the students entrusted to her care. Furthermore, Larissa helped build the William Temple Center into

the place of hospitality it is known for today. JaLene Thatcher Kambhu is our interim Executive Director for the William Temple Center as I, along with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, discern how we might best serve the college and medical students of Galveston Island.

Mark Ravelli, who had been Trinity's Head of School for five years, resigned his position at the end of 2021. During his tenure, Mark made great strides at Trinity by preparing the school for its next accreditation, updating the school's technology, and by increasing the school's annual fundraising campaign. Personally, I thank Mark for all the ways he helped me transition into my role as both rector and Chair of the school Board of Trustees. Marie Kidd, formerly Head of School at Trinity Episcopal School in Austin, was called by the board to serve as our interim Head of School.

Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has now been with us for two calendar years and has impacted three school years. I thank God for the availability of vaccines and treatments for this disease that came about in 2021. One of the inspiring things about the Galveston community is that many of us work on the frontlines of this pandemic. Please join me in thanking God for their service and ministry.

From my first Vestry meeting in August of last year, I committed to consult with the Vestry on every health and safety policy for the church. As the surge from the Delta variant subsided, we came to a consensus that mask wearing would be optional during worship services. As the surge of the Omicron variant became apparent, we came to a consensus that mask wearing would again be required. All of these decisions are taken soberly, reverently, and with much prayer. Plus, we consult

directly with leaders, physicians, and faculty of UTMB when making these decisions.

Despite all of the adversity of this pandemic, Trinity Church continued its tradition of excellent ministry and service. For instance, Vacation Bible School was held, worship services continued, and Sunday School remained open. Though we took some precautions, we continued to worship, grow, and serve in 2021.

Mission & Ministry

Within a month of my arrival at Trinity Church, we held our annual Rally Day. Combining this with the annual pledge campaign was a great success, and we saw a growth in our ministries and in the financial commitments made to the church. The pledge campaign surpassed all our goals, both in number of pledges made and in total dollars pledged. Thank you for your support, generosity, and devotion to Trinity Church. Your commitments, both in money and in service, are a sign of the bright future we have.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Danielle Alvarado, our Director of Children's Ministries, for all her work last year. I wish I could have been here for Vacation Bible School! Despite the many challenges and setbacks we all faced last year,

this ministry thrived, culminating in a wonderful Children's Pageant at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with 20 children participating!

There are so many other people at Trinity who make our mission and ministry possible. Please join me in thanking our many staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make this church the vibrant, loving, welcoming place that it is.

"we are all crew and no passengers."

Looking Ahead

I firmly believe that Trinity Episcopal Church is positioned for an exciting season of growth and transformation. We have all the pieces in place – an incredible worship space, a vibrant community, a strong school, a welcoming place for medical students, a growing endowment. What I ask for now is your presence. In the year to come we will need everybody in this church to serve in one capacity or another. One priest I admire greatly put it this way to his congregation: "we are all crew and no passengers." Consider how you can serve as a crew member so that we can build off our strong history and embrace our even brighter future.



Children participating in the 2021 live Nativity at Trinity Episcopal Church.

BUILDING & LIGHTING COMMITTEE

John Speich, Committee Chair

Building and Lighting Committee Members: Mary Townsend, Susan Duif (Senior Warden), Tom Wimbrow (Junior Warden), John Speich (Interim Treasurer), Carolyn Clyburn, Eugenia Campbell, John Ferguson, Olivia Meyer, Nancy Peterson, and Ronald Wyatt.

Chancel Railing Project

Additional safety railing on the chancel was completed in November, 2021, at a cost of \$9,116 utilizing the donation of a generous parishioner.

Upgrades to the Sanctuary HVAC System

Recent attempts to repair the plaster walls and apply lime wash in the Sanctuary have been unsuccessful due to excess moisture. In 2020 Zero/Six Consulting was retained to determine the causes. Primary among their recommendations were upgrades to the HVAC system. They were retained for a second engagement to provide data required as a basis for the upgrades. Proposals from two firms were received and evaluated by the committee, including verifying that funds from the sale of Eaton Hall state historical credits are available.

After due consideration, the committee recommended, and the Vestry accepted proposals from Graco Mechanical.

1. 8/27/21 Quote # CL2021-296 HVAC Automation System Install (Automated Logic Control) in the amount of \$34,500.00.
2. 9/17/21 Bid for Installation of RCCD Regulating Valves in the amount of \$12,813.00.

The three regulating valves were installed in November of 2021. Unfortunately, they are experiencing long lead times (12-14 weeks) from their automation vendor caused by current international supply chain issues, and installation is now forecast for February 2022.

Plans for the Remodel of the Kelso Conference Room (formerly called the Kelso Library)

The committee met with Architect Graham Luhn and members of the Kelso family in response to Graham's (gratis) offer to design and prepare preliminary drawings for the remodel of the Kelso Conference Room. Some funds are already available in memory of Butch Kelso and other Kelso family members.

Restroom Reconfiguring and Remodel Project

Phase 1 (Preliminary Design Phase) and Phase 2 (Construction Documentation Phase) were completed in March, 2021. The committee recommended and the Vestry approved the estimate by Graham Luhn, Architect of fees of \$3,300 for Phase one and \$5,300 for Phase two plus expenses. The result is a complete package ready for bid and construction once the funding has been obtained. Our March application for a grant from the National Foundation for Sacred Places to fund the project was not successful.

Crumbling of Exterior Plaster at Eaton Hall

Lee Hughes with JW Kelso Company, Inc. thinks the plaster at Eaton Hall is crumbling and falling off due to water coming up from the ground and wicking up the walls. They are currently looking into options to prevent this from happening.



Photo: Bill Abbott

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Submitted by Calvin E. Buckley

2021 Committee Members: Trish Clason, John Speich, Debbie Adriance, Pat Welsh, Eugenia Campbell (Co-Chair, resigned 12/2021), Fernando E. Buckley (resigned 12/2021), Calvin E. Buckley (Co-

Chair, resigned 12/2021)
New Committee Members as of Rally Day 9/19/2021
Stacy Putman, Laura Hughes, Jennifer Kelso.

RECIPIENTS OF OUTREACH FUNDS IN 2021:

Galveston Food Bank	\$4,000.00
Camp Allen (St. Vincent's House Tuition)	\$1,500.00
Seafarers Center Of Galveston	\$1,000.00
Galveston Police Dept.	\$500.00
Christus Our Daily Bread	\$1,000.00
Women's Recovery Center (ADA)	\$1,000.00
Galveston Diaper Bank	\$1,000.00
Trinity Episcopal School: (Playground Equipment)	\$1,000.00
Hurricane Ida Relief, La.	\$1,000.00
(Donation given via Galveston Chamber of Commerce)	

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ron Wyatt, Director of Music

Congratulations to the volunteers and staff singers for a very successful musical year in spite of the Pandemic. 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. We were able to resume having a reception after the program which was welcomed by all. Jo Lynn and Gregg Falgout were the underwriters for this event again this year.



Ron Wyatt, Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Danielle Alvarado,
Director of Children's Christian Education

Children's Ministry & Communication

For the first half of the year, we continued Children's Sunday School online, through recorded lessons. Crafts and activity sets were taken to the families as a curb dropoff for each Sunday if requested, or links were listed for the family to print materials. In person Sunday School resumed June 13th, with the Vacation Bible Sunday School, and has been held during the Sunday 10:30am service each week since. The class welcomes children age 4 through 5th grade. The children are returned to their families in the service at the Peace. The class is taught using a variety of curricula, with a lesson, craft or activity, and a themed snack. Dedicated volunteers continue to assist with the Children's Program, as we follow the Safeguarding God's Children's policies of at least 2 trained adults present at any time.

Weekly emails are sent to all families to enhance communication. Information is also included in the weekly eMessenger. Danielle contributes with posts for Children's Ministries, and church events on the church's Facebook page as an added tool for communication.

We were able to return to the Family Christmas Eve Service, with 16 children participating in the Live Nativity, with costumes borrowed from Trinity School. Three Youth (teen) members read the Lessons, as the Godly Play children "Lead us to Bethlehem." Two additional teens assisted with the program, and three adult volunteers. All other children attending the service brought forth the gift of a star (crafted by Godly Play children), to "Baby Jesus," so everyone participated!

We appreciate all the parishioners who are eager to work with Children's Ministries and to those parents, grandparents, and families who faithfully bring their children to be a part of Godly Play. Trinity has a strong core of families with children, and we continue to encourage new families, friends, and neighbors to be a part of this wonderful and rewarding church family. As Trinity grows, these families are the future of the church! We provide

families with children a great reason to come to Trinity on Sunday morning!

Vacation Bible School

VBS returned to TEC for the 10th year! (Summer 2020 was canceled) This summer we enjoyed Rocky Railway ~ Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! We did things a little differently, as this was our return to weekly Sunday School, and held VBS as "Vacation Bible Sunday School" on Sundays, June 13th through August 1st, instead of the usual week-long program. This brought families back to church, and we were blessed with great participation. We thank all the amazing volunteers, musicians, behind the scenes helpers, those who donated, families and all who supported bringing VBS back to TEC.

Nursery

On June 13th, we reopened the Nursery. For the 9th year, we have a staffed Nursery each Sunday, 8:00am to 12 noon, and during special services and events. We welcome families to enjoy the service or bring their youngest angels to Nursery and enjoy church themselves!

Children's Chapel

The Chapel is being used as a sacred space for Sunday School! It was updated over the Covid closure. It also is used as a gathering area, space to meet, or enjoy a quiet moment. Stop by to see it!

Please contact Danielle if you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry for our church family! I feel blessed every day to serve as Trinity's Director of Christian Education for Children!

Danielle Barker Alvarado
dalvarado@trinitygalv.org

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Sally Bryom, President

The Order of the Daughters of the King Benjamin Eaton Chapter

DOK is a National and International Order of Women. We meet once a month at 12:15 on the second Sunday of the month with the exception of the summer months: June, July, and August. Currently, because of the rise in COVID cases, it is possible we will be meeting by Zoom.

The 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. Church members may submit prayer requests to any of our officers or members.

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. 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?”

DOK Officers 2020-2021

President, Sally Byrom

Vice President, Sue Peace

Secretary, Alison Barker

Treasurer, Carolyn Clyburn

Membership Chair, Sara Hawkes

This year, we were thankful to have initiated our new DOK Chaplain, Reverend Jimmy Abbott. We were thrilled to accept three new members, who will be initiated on January 23. Currently, our membership consists of 20 active members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Byrom, President

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

John Speich, Director

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. 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 for scholarships at the Trinity Episcopal School.

John Speich, Director
Bill Dannenmaier, Secretary

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Duif, Directress

Like all of us, the Altar Guild made a number of adjustments during 2021 to adapt to changing COVID protocols. In addition, a new priest always brings some changes since the Rector makes all decisions about liturgical matters. Luckily for us, Jimmy is very easy-going and a pleasure to work with!

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. We hope that our work is never seen, but it is very necessary.

The Altar Guild is divided into four teams that rotate weekly to perform their duties at either 8:00 or 10:30 on Sunday or on a weekday (usually Thursday). Members are requested to provide additional voluntary service at weddings, funerals, and other special services such as during Holy Week and Christmas.

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. John Maisel, Stan, and the rest of his staff are very helpful and accommodating, and we grateful for this collaboration in enhancing the beauty of our church.

We continue with a system of asking parishioners to utilize a Flower Chart, located in the Narthex, to sign up to fund the flowers on Sundays of their choice to memorialize special occasions and departed loved ones. Not only have many people taken advantage of this opportunity, but the church budget for flowers has been significantly supplemented!

We lost several members this year, so our need for new members is greater than ever. Please do consider whether you might be called to this rewarding and interesting ministry. 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 Altar Guild, please contact Susan Duif or speak to Rev. Abbott or any member.

We'd love to welcome you!

TRINITY CHURCH USHERS

For the Ushers at Trinity Church, 2021 was a wild and crazy year, full of ups and downs punctuated by on-going changes and adjustments. While Ushers enjoyed a smooth transition to a dynamic new Rector, the Rev. Jimmy Abbott, they continued to face the challenges of COVID.

Due to COVID, Trinity Ushers had to modify procedures regularly in keeping with directives from the Diocese, Clergy and Vestry. Ushers had to be fluid and adapt. Nursery and Godly Play staff gave much appreciated support for both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services during the early stages

Linda Macdonald, Head Usher

of COVID. For love of God and Trinity Episcopal Church, your Ushers have sallied forth serving with gladness.

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 programs, assist with special needs entrances, identify newcomers, count the attendance, deliver the bread and wine to the altar, take up and deliver the collection, facilitate the flow of the congregation to receive Holy Communion,

and secure the collection following the service. Ushers 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.

TRINITY USHERS

(Those who have served at some point this past year.)

8 AM SERVICE

Team Leader Claudia Stein, Ann Anderson, Kay Perkins, Linda Alvarado, and John Speich

10:30 AM SERVICE

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

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

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

Fourth Sunday: Team Leader Linda Macdonald, C.J. Poirier, Margie Frantz, Eadney Hudson, and Jennifer Kelso.

Fifth Sunday: All team leaders.

Please thank the Ushers for their service.

You are cordially invited to join the Trinity Usher Team. No prior experience is needed and on-site instruction is provided. If you are interested, please contact Linda Macdonald (409 739-2989 or linlorm@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Submitted by Danielle Alvarado

Women's Bible Study has continued to meet, learn and enjoy fellowship throughout the pandemic. We met on zoom, outside on the Garth socially distanced, then in the Kelso Conference Room following protocols. A new study is presented each fall and spring. We have used a variety of curricula; studies by video with Beth Moore and Priscilla Shriver, and discussion studies following the "Knowing the Bible" book series. We have studied both the Old and New testaments. Last Fall we studied Thessalonians 1 and 2.

Join Women's Bible Study this spring, for a 12-week study, of the Book of Samuel. Monday's 5:30-7:15pm, Kelso Conference Room. The spring Women's Bible Study group will begin Monday, Jan. 24th, with an "Ask Father Jimmy" session, and with a few questions we had from our last study, Thessalonians. He will also give us a brief introduction to the Book of Samuel. We will begin the study on Monday, Jan. 31st.

We will follow the Knowing the Bible Series, book format, which is designed to help readers better understand and apply God's Word, making practical applications and connections between the passage and the rest of scripture.

This study is made up of four basic components:
(1) reflection questions help readers engage the text at a deeper level;
(2) "Gospel Glimpses" highlight the gospel of grace throughout the book;
(3) "Whole-Bible Connections" show how any given passage connects to the Bible's overarching story of redemption, culminating in Christ; and
(4) "Theological Soundings" identify how historic orthodox doctrines are taught or reinforced throughout scripture.

Contact Danielle Alvarado if you would like to join, so we can purchase a book for you: Danielle@MikeAlvarado.com

This is the 72nd year that the William Temple Foundation has been ministering to University of Texas Medical Branch students and the 10th 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. Larissa W. Botik was the Executive Director until October 2021. In November 2021, JaLene Thatcher Kambhu became the interim Executive Director. The “Willie T’s” Cook Team is led by Mike Ellis. We have several volunteers that give of their time regularly including Ollive Shepherd, Erik Dill, Pat Welsh, Debbie Adriance and Gina Thomas. Every Wednesday Bob & Eileen Hern lead evening prayer, often helping to lay hands on and pray for the pastoral concerns of students. The on-campus President is Andrea Abreu Perez, a nursing student.

We have continued our drive thru dinner ministry. Every other Wednesday we serve 60 meals from local restaurants to the students in the school drive-thru. Restaurants include Gino’s, Shy Katz, Queens BBQ, and several others. There was an unforeseen blessing that developed from the drive-thru meals. The students have turned this night into small group meetings. They will pick up their meals and then join together in small social groups to fellowship. This was a wonderful thing to hear happening with the meals.

We were so very grateful to be able to celebrate our first in-person dinner in almost two years, with our Friendsgiving meal on Nov 17th. The outpouring of volunteers to prepare food and desserts, as well as serving, was amazing. This was such a cherished event. Many of the students had not been able to experience the home cooked meals because of

COVID until Friendsgiving. It was wonderful for them to enjoy a meal prepared with love by the “Willie T’s” cook team and volunteers. Our ultimate goal is to return to these in-person meals, as soon as it is safe to do so again.

We have been able to keep the student study center open with extra precautions. 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.

Our capital expenditures were mainly supplementing the additional cost of food since the drive-thru dinners cost more than when we prepare the food. Other capital expenditures were SAGE Software, a new printer for the students to use, and some storage jars for snacks in the center (to prevent pests). Outreach expenditures include helping students in need (car repairs, help with rent, helping with moving a student out of a dangerous situation). We are blessed to minister to young people in the name of the Lord.



Students at the Willie T's Friendsgiving celebration November 2021

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.

As the sixth Head of Trinity School, I have been working diligently to ensure growth and stability for Trinity School. Our students are leaders in the community, and they continue to have achievement in high school, college, and beyond! As a parish day school, the church and school have a very solid relationship, and the Vestry has been very supportive of the mission of TES. I want to thank the Altar Guild for their amazing work, week in and week out as the Church is always prepared and raring to go for the little ones to worship. My mother always shared, “leave the place better than when you first arrive” and I hope this is the case with me and Trinity School. I thank everyone for being so gracious throughout my time at Trinity.

Year in review:

- The Arctic Blast that left all Texas in a deep freeze crippling the middle school and within one week we were able to fix all pipes to ensure we were back and ready for the opening of school.
- A new playground was added in the summer.
- Technology: We now have a wonderful BYOD (bring your own device) technology program in grades 4 through 8. Students are being taught how to be producers of information vs. consumers of information, learning all aspects of Microsoft platforms and utilization of cloud-based software.
- Annual Giving was at an all-time high of \$133 K for the 20-21 school year. We thank all parishioners and alumni who participate in the Annual Fund!
- Our commencement speaker was Paula Tobon-Stevens, Executive Director of St. Vincent's House.
- COVID did not get the best of our school; we were able to stay open throughout this pandemic due to the amazing faculty and staff that show up each day to serve our children and families.

- High School credits obtained at TES are:
 - IPC Science (Introduction to Physics and Chemistry)
 - Art I with a letter of recommendation
 - Spanish I with a passing grade
- During my tenure the school has received over 1 million dollars in grants!
- Thank you to our Interim Head Marie Kidd for stepping forward mid-year
- Enrollment has grown by 10 students since last January; interest in Trinity has been very strong!
- Trinity School serves 4% of school-aged students on the Island, and we will continue to be the premier independent school on Galveston Island.
- Everyone is invited to our chapel services on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Ravelli
Head of School



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2021**

Camryn Acosta
Annie Boeh
Clara Christy-Baxter
Sophia DeOre
Marcus Farroni
Kylan Galloway
Jacob Hart
Lacey Higgins
Moya Hudson
Parker Koza

Luke Leimer
Matthew Leyva
Sullivan Mixon
Lawson Rees
Lily Rojas
Sasha Skormin
Charles Vasut
Isabella Wisner
Ezekiel Zein-Eldin

2022 VESTRY CANDIDATES



Bart Adriance

Since birth, Trinity Church has been an integral part of my life... baptism, confirmation, several revivals, and weddings of mine, my family and friends. I attended pre-school and Sunday school, served as an acolyte, children's choir member, and was in EYC. More recently, our Salvation Army team made and served meals monthly and I occasionally ushered and lay read at the 5:30 service.

After being in the Houston area for 40 years, God led me back to Galveston to care for my mother. While buying EYC brownies in Eaton Hall, I met and later married Deborah Kollar. Together, we have 7 siblings, 6 grown children, 7 grandchildren, and numerous extended family members. We love to cook, travel, listen to music, and take long walks on Galveston's East Beach. We are genuinely committed to Trinity Church with our prayers, presence, gifts and service.



William C. (Bill) Ansell

William C. (Bill) Ansell was born on March 7, 1958, at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. He attended pre-kindergarten and kindergarten at Trinity Episcopal School in Galveston. In first grade through fifth grade he attended Island Elementary School, also in Galveston. He returned to Trinity in sixth grade and went on to junior high school and high school at O'Connell. Bill graduated in 1980 from The University of Texas at Austin. Bill was baptized at Trinity Church and later was wed to the love of his life, Libbie Walker, at Trinity. After college he returned to Galveston and joined his father's CPA firm and is still a principal of a successor firm, Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP.

Libbie and Bill have a daughter, Libbie Lee Ansell, who is a graduating senior at Tulane University in New Orleans. Bill is an avid outdoorsman and is involved on an international level with the world leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Trinity and Galveston are very dear to Bill and his family, and he is happy to serve the congregation of the church in which he grew up.

2022 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.



Linda Macdonald

Trinity Church has been my spiritual home all of my life. I was baptized, confirmed, and married here and have served as Sunday School teacher, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, member of the Daughters of the King, and Head Usher. This church and its members hold a special place in my heart.

A graduate of Ball High School and Sam Houston State University, my professional career includes UTMB Director of Communications, Director of Hospital Relations at St. Mary's Hospital, Corporate Communications Executive for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI) Health Care System and Director of Communications for the CCVI international corporation. With a passion for Galveston history and storytelling, I have appeared on television networks and spoken internationally regarding the 1900 Storm.

My husband Bill, who served on the Vestry, died in 2019. I have two children and four grandchildren.

Now retired, I wish to increase my service to Trinity as a member of the Vestry.

2022 VESTRY CANDIDATES



Theron Pfeifer

Theron Pfeifer was born in San Antonio on March 28, 1983. Attending St. George Episcopal for elementary school and Texas Military Institute for Middle School and freshman year of High school. Theron is an Eagle Scout and was a an acolyte at St. Mark's Episcopal until his high school graduation. He graduated from Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston with a degree in Marine Transportation in 2008. He is a Ship Captain, at present operating harbor tugs in Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport.

Theron moved his family back to Galveston in 2017 to be closer to the industry with his wife Shannan and their two children, Heidi, age seven, and son Townes, age six, joining Trinity that year. Theron serves as an usher and a master acolyte.

The Pfeifer's are also owners of Texas Haberdashery, a men's clothing store which they opened in 2021.

As a life long Episcopalian, he is very honored to join the Vestry serving the church he loves.

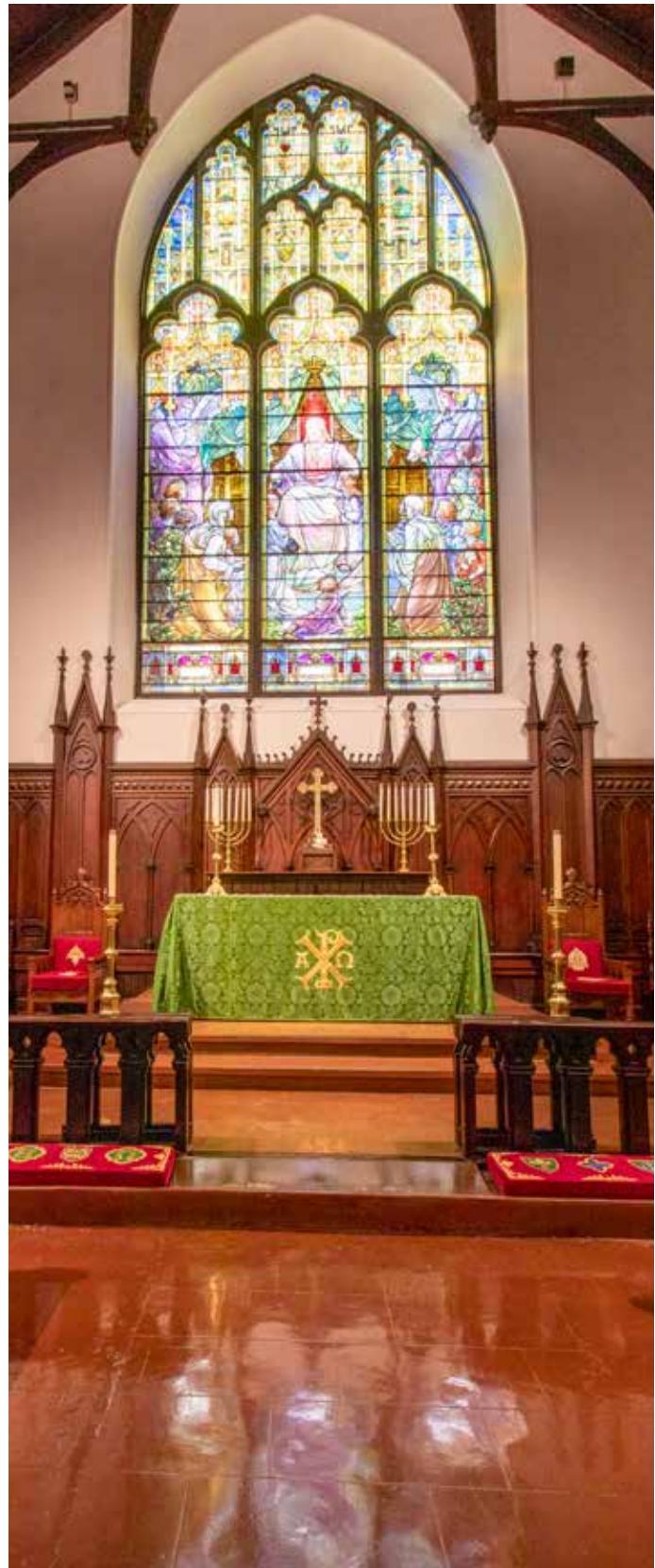


Photo: Bill Abbott

2022 DIOCESAN COUNCIL LAY DELEGATE CANDIDATES

2022 Diocesan Council

The 173rd Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas will be held in the Woodlands, Texas, on Saturday, February 26. 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 this year.



John VanDewalli

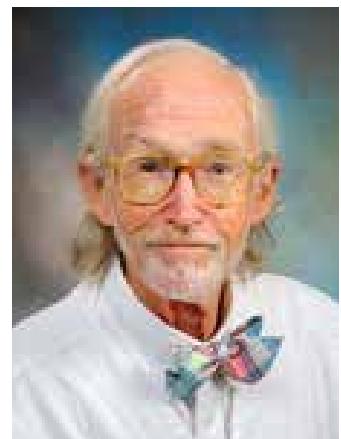
John is a proud BOI and still loves living in Galveston. He worked 35+ years in the Hospitality industry and currently is employed at American National Insurance Company in the Human Resources Department.



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 and fine artist, and a marketing professional, Kathy worked at The Grand 1894 Opera House for 32 years, retiring from her position as Marketing Director last June. On July 1, 2021, Kathy was proud to begin working for Trinity Episcopal Church as the Parish Administrator. Kathy has served the church as an usher, Altar Guild member and as a past Vestry member and will be installed today in DOK. 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 30 years and have one son, Ryan.





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