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Mission: To follow Christ through the ministries of worship, education, and service.

Vision: To be a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes Area, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Phil Kuhne

By Mitzi Reneau

This past Easter Sunday, Phil Kuhne celebrated 30 years as organist, pianist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church. Here we celebrate with him and look back at some of his memories.

Phil grew up in Runge, Texas, south of San Antonio. His mom was a talented pianist and his first teacher, but he began lessons with a great teacher in nearby Kenedy at age 5.

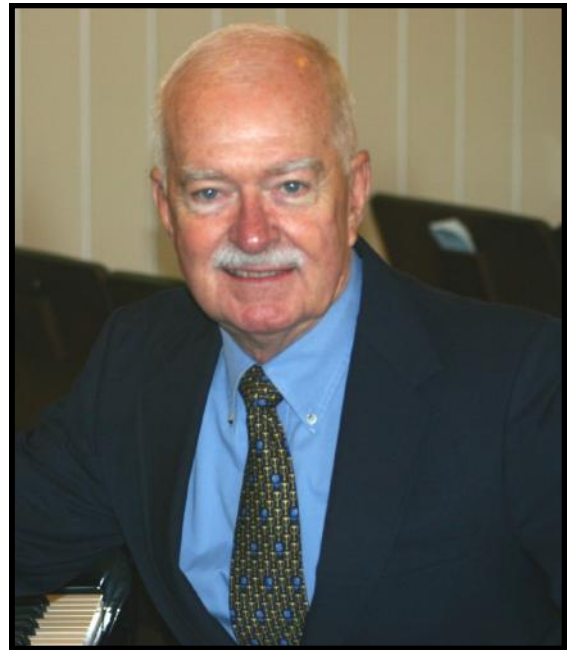
Upon graduation from High School, Phil began studies at the St. Louis Institute, where he was awarded a scholarship and began his Masters work. He completed his Masters of Music at Columbia University.

In New York, he worked in airline ticket sales, getting lots of free airline tickets and trips home to see family. He got a free ticket to Paris and ended up staying over a year to take care of a sick friend, living near the Arc de Triomphe.

Upon return from Paris, Phil began teaching piano lessons in Houston. In addition, he took a job as organist for St. Andrews Presbyterian church. When he decided he would rather be going to the beach on Sundays with his friends, the pastor empathetically accepted his resignation.

Phil began teaching piano lessons in Marble Falls and became the organist, and later, the choir director for First Methodist Church.

After about 8 years, he was asked if one of



his students might play for Trinity. All his students were Methodist and happy in their church, so one Easter Sunday, he himself took the job.

At that time, Trinity had only one little 8:00am service. Phil would hurriedly switch robes and rush from one church to the other.

Phil has especially enjoyed his teaching and has taught many capable students. He has performed recitals and held recitals for students. He has accompanied the school choirs and a host of other performers. He has composed two choral pieces, one on the Birth of Christ and the other on St. Francis. Phil especially enjoys playing music by Chopin, Debussy and Beethoven.

Some of Phil's best memories include trips

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From the Rector

By The Rev. David Sugeno

As I write this, Cathy Boyd's August 18th sermon ([click here to listen](#)) is still fresh on my mind. In that sermon, Cathy spoke of the nature of change, and the friction and the tension that, of necessity, accompany change. Change, particularly major change, is never easy; but it is fundamental to the nature of the world in which we live and minister, the world that God created.

However we may feel about change, there is little doubt that major change is afoot here at Trinity. Summer is at an end, and we are preparing to kick off our fall programs, some of which will be revamped. We are investigating the possibility of major capital improvements to our facility. We are discerning new ways that we might seek and serve Christ in our community. And, best of all, we are transitioning back to being a two clergy parish with the addition of the Rev. Cathy Boyd!

These changes are not occurring in a vacuum. It is important first to note that few of the exciting changes taking place right now would even be possible had you not been willing, three years ago, to set about the difficult task of paying off our debt. Had you not had the courage to "Imagine Trinity without Debt" and pull together to make this dream a reality, while trusting heavily in God to provide for us, we would not be in a position to envision exciting new possibilities and ministries for Trinity.

Change (particularly in a church which honors its traditions as we do) must always be made thoughtfully and prayerfully. It was with this in mind that we undertook the "re-visioning process" over the past year, a process very ably led by Bruce Lomax and the Long Range Planning Commission. It is this work which is guiding us as we take major steps towards our vision "to be a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes region, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Some of that change will involve our facilities. The clearest goal set by this parish in moving towards our vision was that we have a parish hall, a designated space for fellowship, group activities, potlucks, hosting outside groups, organizing outreach efforts, etc. Along

a similar vein, you all envisioned an outdoor pavilion to serve as a picnic and recreational area. A building committee has been set up, and is exploring our alternatives towards meeting these goals. The work you have done will allow this committee to design a facility that meets the expressed desires of this parish.

Some changes will be purely programmatic. We are currently reexamining our possibilities for Adult Christian Education, seeking to ensure that we are offering educational opportunities in keeping with the needs and desires of the parish. We are also in the process of setting up a working group to oversee musical offerings for the church and the community. And we are working to partner with area non-profits to meet human need in the Highland Lakes, hosting groups in our existing facilities, and moving beyond our church walls.

A change in direction, of course, involves an input of energy in order to set things in motion. Hiring a second clergy person has been an integral part of our vision; in addition to bringing new ministerial gifts into our midst, hiring Cathy Boyd will allow us to maintain our current level of ministry, while exerting the additional energy that will be required to "get us over the hump" of adding new facilities and new ministries.

The world around us is changing at an unprecedented rate. It is natural that the churches (all of us!) are also changing, for we are sent, as millions of Christians before us, into that ever-changing world to proclaim God's never-changing love, to bring healing and hope, to make disciples for Jesus Christ. These are exciting times to be a Christian, and to be a member of this extraordinary church called Trinity. So here's to change; here's to the future!

Faithfully,

Dave



From the Associate Rector

By The Rev. Cathy Boyd

Every time our church community gathers, it is a blessing. We bless one another by our presence in fellowship and we ask God to bless us as we go out into the world. And sometimes, we focus especially on asking God’s blessing in a special way.

Trinity kicked off the fall with our annual tradition of blessing school backpacks and those who carry them. It is an old practice to bless objects for regular use: cross necklaces, prayer books or the like. When we bless in this way, we are asking God that these things be a sign and a reminder of God’s blessings on us daily. It is good to cultivate the awareness of God’s presence in the every-day doings of our lives.

In a month or so we will observe the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the traditional blessing of the animals. Francis is famous for his awareness of God’s presence in the every-day: in nature and in all his “sister and brother” animals. In fact, Pope John Paul II in 1979 named Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Francis preached the duty of people to protect and enjoy nature, since we are not only God’s stewards of creation, we ourselves are creatures. Francis recognized that, as God’s creature, he was kin to all other creatures. Stories about Francis have him preaching to birds, and episodes like blessing and calming a ferocious wolf.

Plan to bring your sister and brother pets for a blessing on Sunday, October 6, as we honor a beloved saint.



Cathy Boyd



Statue of St. Francis of Assisi overlooking the village of Assisi in Italy. [Photo by Rev. Cathy Boyd.]



Yes, mark your calendars now for The Blessing of the Animals on October 6!

Ecclesiastes

By Carl Ragsdale

Ecclesiastes is the Greek translation of the Hebrew “Qoheleth”, meaning preacher or teacher”. It is one of the ‘writings’ of the Old Testament canon. The editor of the book provides a superscription that identifies the author as “son of David” and hence the work was attributed to Solomon but the language suggests that it was written after 300 BCE. So what is this book about?

“Vanity of vanities, says the teacher - all is vanity and a chasing after the wind.” Nothing in life ever changes, or as we say today, “what’s new? Or, “same old, same old.” Think about it. Today our history, inventions and technology change our view of the world on a daily basis. In 300 BCE, from the time a person was born until the day they died, almost nothing changed! Bor-rrring! But, wait - the teacher says:

“Go eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long approved of what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun.” ([Eccl 9:7-9](#))

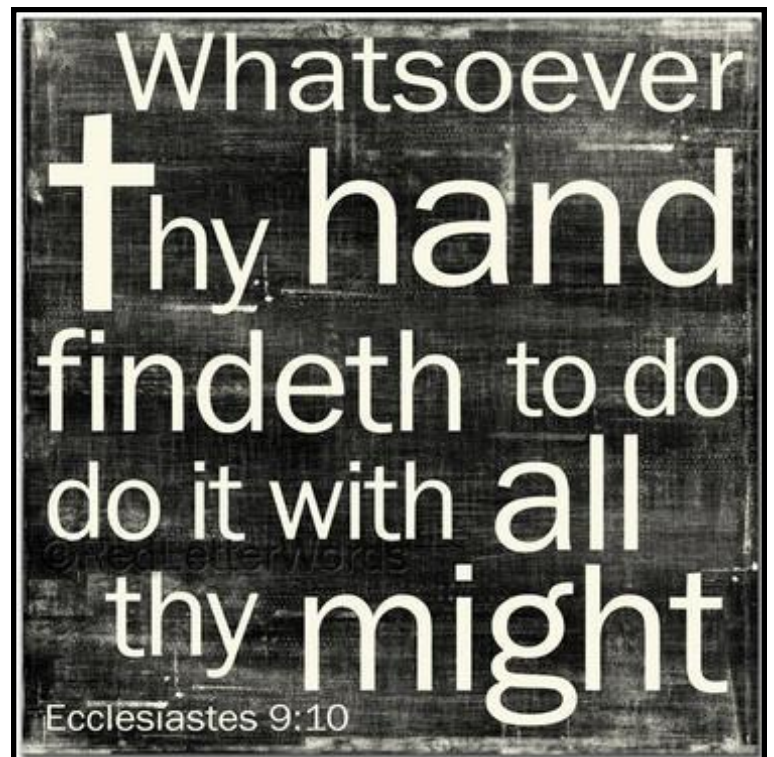
I think the content of this ‘Wisdom-writing’ illustrates a merging of the Hellenistic and Jewish cultures. The idea of one God had begun to appeal to the Greek intellect and the Jews owned the one God! Maybe they would share. At the same time, the Hellenistic social scene began to attract the Mosaic Law keepers. The Greeks loved art, music, competitive sports and fine dining. Couldn’t the Hebrews work that into their lives and still maintain their religion? Sure!

This book is poetic, philosophical and reverent. But, above all else, it is an affirmation of life. It is uplifting and reassuring. There is no mention of a reward/punishment scenario in an afterlife world: No atonement for sin, no specter of an eternal hell: no dread, no fear and no guilt. All of that

would come with Saint Paul’s Christology. “God has already approved of what you do.” Hadn’t Paul read that in the Hebrew Scriptures?

Ecclesiastes appears to be the essence of Paul Tillich’s 20th century Existential theology – also an affirmation of life. It is the ‘Way’ Jesus of Nazareth taught: love one another as I have loved you. Then you will know me – and the Father.

It tells us to be happy, to live fully, laugh and to love wastefully! We should be all that we can be. Love wastefully? Yes! Love is not love until you give it away, so give all that you have. Be happy in the days that God has allotted you under the sun.



To Everything There is a Season

Perhaps the most familiar reading from Ecclesiastes comes from Eccl 3. [Click here](#) to hear Pete Seeger’s version.

Standing Out

By Ann Ragsdale

Flowers are lovely. They bring us joy. I love growing them, arranging them, and looking at them. This arrangement of orchids was used at the reception to celebrate the arrival of our new associate rector Cathy Boyd, on Sunday July 14th.

The rustic box-er in which they sit was crafted by my buddy from Missouri. We shared a business for years at the First Monday Trade Days in Canton Texas. Cathy is a native Missourian... so it seemed like the right thing.

Orchids are special among flowers. I selected the orchids with the hot pink centers to match the vibrant wall in Cathy's new office. Have you seen it yet? It is stunning.

The one orchid that stands out seems symbolic to me. Maybe it is the Cathy flower. Just a little different from all the rest. Special. We are gifting the plant to Cathy for her new space at Trinity.

New roots to set down in her ministry at Trinity, Marble Falls. Both are special and sure to grow well.

Thank you to all the dedicated Parish Life Commission members who hosted a lovely reception to honor the day that Cathy came among us. God has richly blessed our parish with a shepherd just made for us and his church. Welcome aboard, Cathy!



Floral design: Ann Ragsdale
Photo: Herb Lewis

Phil Kuhne 30th Anniversary (continued)

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to hear the Metropolitan Opera and he also fondly remembers hearing Van Cliburn in Ft. Worth. He has enjoyed many trips to the beach in Mexico. But his very best memories are of his many trips to Paris. As a young man, he enjoyed Sunday evenings at the Episcopal Cathedral, where there were many fun and exciting

activities. Many Julys and Augusts were spent at school in the Palace of Fontainebleau where he once studied with 85 year old [Nadia Boulanger](#).

At Trinity, we just know him as Phil. His music is a major component of our worship services. He is talented, patient and kind. He brings joy to all who know him. Happy 30th Anniversary, Phil!

Altar Guild

By Billie Melancon and Judy Speers, Altar Guild Directresses

A big Trinity thank you to Gloria Pollard and Norma Snyder for giving the Altar Guild the new linens, purificators and lavabo towels that were desperately needed.

Parenting Workshop "Caring for Children who have Experienced Trauma"

By Madeleine Manigold

This summer, the Phoenix Center and Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center collaborated to present a 7 week workshop: Caring for Children who have experienced Trauma. The free of cost workshop educated parents and guardians about the developmental and behavioral effects of trauma on children.

Trinity Episcopal Church provided free of cost meeting space, childcare, volunteers and several donated meals for workshop participants. A family-style dinner was provided weekly to all parents and children participating in the workshop. Meals were donated by members of Trinity and members of the community.

The workshop Caring for Children who have experienced Trauma's curriculum was developed by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and adapted by Susan Kulbeth, LMSW, who is the Program and Clinical Services Director at the H.C.C.A.C.

The goals of the workshop were for parents and guardians to learn how to:

- Recognize the impact trauma has had on their child
- Improve their child's behavior
- Respond appropriately to the behavioral and emotional challenges that are a result of the trauma the child experienced
- Help their child develop the coping strategies needed to grow into a healthy adult
- Become a more effective and satisfied parent or guardian
- Reduce the risk of the parent's own compassion fatigue

Roughly 26% of children witness or experience a traumatic event by the age of 4. Research shows that traumatic events can negatively impact a child's development and daily functioning. A research study from the Center of Disease Control found that traumatic events are major risk factors for the leading causes of illness and death as well as poor quality of life. Today's children and adolescents experience a multitude of traumatic events including abuse, domestic violence,

school violence, severe bullying, traumatic grief and deaths, terrorism and natural disasters.

In addition to receiving two hours of instruction, tools and guidance every Thursday evening, families were invited to bring their children weekly as well. Free of cost childcare was provided

during the workshop that included structured, age-appropriate activities to help elementary, middle and high school aged children develop and practice healthy coping skills. Nursery childcare was also provided for children under the age of 5.

The Phoenix Center and H.C.C.A.C. were delighted with the high participation. 49 parents and children participated in Caring for Children who have experienced Trauma workshops. Parents and guardians interested in attending the Fall 2013 workshop can call Sarah Garrett at the Phoenix Center at 830-637-7848 for more information.

Parent Feedback

"Thank you for giving me the vocabulary and frame of reference to better discuss trauma in my children's lives."

"This is a a very good program for all of us. We learn and grow. Not only does it help us in our present problems, it will help us with whatever comes our way when traumatic stress presents."

"Thank you for your time and energy. Please bring this into the public schools and churches!"



Stewardship and You

By Jim Marquess

As the time approaches for our annual pledge period, I was thinking about what a blessed congregation we have at Trinity Episcopal Church.

We love our church and we love the people that make up our congregation. We mostly get along, most of the time (we can always do better). We are active in the community, we are active in Trinity's ministries, and we freely give of our time, treasure, and talent to do God's work.

Our congregation has been blessed to receive gifts that allow us to continue to help those that are in need and to do so in a very meaningful way. These gifts will also allow us to expand our facilities to better serve both our own congregation and the needs of the community.

We have been blessed with a new assistant Rector to minister to us and to do God's work in the community.

We have been able to almost pay off our debt (which in turn helped us to hire our new assistant Rector) and will shortly be blessed with the rewards that being debt free bring.

Our annual pledge period is about to start and I urge everyone to look into his/her heart and count the blessings s/he have been given by God as a Steward of his gifts s/he has received.

Stewardship is the management of all things given to us by God and it

is our duty and responsibility as Christians to take care of God's gifts and to make sure his ministries continue.

We all need to give back to God a portion of what he has given to us. We can do this through the giving of our TIME (I thank God every day for the TIME he has given me, and I believe I need to dedicate as much of that TIME as I can to his service). We can serve God by giving of our TALENT (we all have talents that God in his wisdom will use if we will dedicate a portion of that TALENT to his service). We also serve God by giving back a portion of the TREASURE he has given to us to manage (we need to look deep within our heart and soul to determine our ability to Tithe and then we need to Pledge what we can of our TREASURE to God's work).

By giving of ourselves to God, we know that what we are doing is Biblical, it is sacrificial, it is obedient, it is needed, it is joyful, and it allows Trinity to continue to serve our congregation and the community.

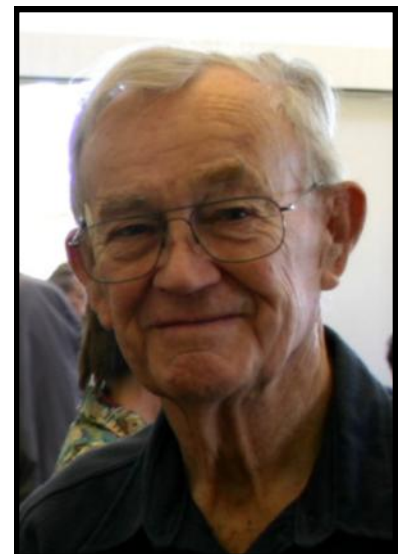
I hope everyone will continue to give what you feel comfortable giving with a joyful heart and I look forward to having a successful Pledge period for our 2014 operating budget.



Robert McCoy

We are saddened to learn of the death of parishioner and Trinity founding member Robert McCoy (March 14, 1921 ~ August 27, 2013.)

Rest eternal grant to him Oh Lord; and let light perpetual shine on him.



Have You Met... Sue and Nick?

By Mardi Cockerham

Nick Zackoff was born in Amityville, New York. He graduated from Murray State in Murray, Kentucky, in 1969 with a B.S. in Finance and Business. In 1980 he moved to Austin, and spent the next 32 years there. In 2012 he moved to Tow.

Sue Thornton was born in Wichita Falls, Texas. She graduated from Trinity University in 1978 with a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism. That same year she moved to Austin, where she spent the next 35 years.



Nick and Sue met while they were living in Austin. They were married by Father Dave at the Fall Creek Winery in Tow in 2012.

Nick is currently self-employed as a realtor. He is also a Volunteer Fireman in Tow. Sue is currently Executive Director of C.A.S.A. of the Highland Lakes. They have three grown children, seven grandchildren, and a Standard Poodle named Lilly.

Previously Sue attended St. David's and Nick attended Riverbend Church, both in Austin. As newcomers to Trinity, Marble Falls, they enjoy the fellowship and look forward to volunteering wherever there is a need.

Staying Healthy Series Continues

By Pam Rodgers

The Pastoral Care Commission invites you to join us on Thursday, September 19th, at 5:15pm for the third presentation in the series of educational workshops on "Staying Healthy." Our speaker is Dr. Elissa Thompson a board-certified Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease physician.

Her presentation will cover the benefits of walking and maintaining a healthy heart. Dr. Thompson is deeply invested in the care and education of her patients and others searching for a healthy lifestyle. She volunteers her time on Saturday mornings to promote a walking program on Mormon Mill Road in Marble Falls.

The series concludes in October with Tempe Winters, an instructor at the Marble Falls Athletic Club. She will provide information on aerobics for seniors.

Even to Old Age and Grey Hairs

By Pam and Bob Link

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Psalms 71:17-18

We read in Psalm 127:3 *Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from him.* Allen Hamilton embraces this scripture and shares her understanding in this darling original poem. We think it will make you smile.

A Fortune From God

By Allen Hamilton

If we could get another crack
 And get our children's childhood back
 There are some things we would surely do
 That we neglected the first time through.
 We could have reduced some of their stress
 By wagging more and barking less.
 We would tell them when they made us proud
 And we would say it to them clear and loud.
 We wouldn't gripe so about their unmade bed
 But do some silly thing for fun instead.
 And all our complaints about their clothes and hair
 Was really just so much hot air.
 Were table manners more of an important point
 Than eating together at a pizza joint?
 We would be more attentive to a child's concern.
 Why did it take us so darn long to learn?
 We do think we were right when we got distressed
 When one of them drove his car into the freezer chest.
 We would tell them how loved they are, and how precious
 And how glad we are that God trusted them to us.



Allen Hamilton helps you [Teach Your Children](#)

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you in praise and adoration and with grateful hearts for the children you have trusted to our care. We ask you to remind us that they are a gift. Guide us as we teach them and allow them to teach us, that we will recognize the important points. In the name of your son, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**



5th Sunday Ministry...?..or Comedy?

By Mitzi Reneau

Last Sunday, I had a comical experience. I will tell it from my perspective, although I am certainly not the star. Each worship service held by Trinity at Claremont or Gateway Gardens involves an Officiant, a Lector and a Musician. The Officiant is always vested and brings along a brass cross.

Often a handful, or somewhat less than a handful of parishioners show up to help us out. This past Sunday, Janie Cunningham graciously agreed that I could replace her as Musician in order that she might take my place in September, when my grandbaby is due. She failed to realize that she had double duty and was also scheduled as Lector. This was only the first in a series of grave errors.

I proceeded on a whim, to go to the movies with Kathy Kasperek following the 10:30 worship service. Not once did I think about the length of the movie or whether it might interfere with my obligation.

Upon getting into my car following the movie, I saw the clock, which read 2:44. I immediately realized I had missed my stint as Musician, as I needed to have arrived at Gateway Gardens at 2:15 and the service would have begun at 2:30. I felt bad about it, but what could I do? It was too late now!

I then proceeded to drive home and, throwing caution and safety to the wind, looked at my cell phone, only to see that someone had left me a voicemail. The voicemail was from Jane Leizear, the Officiant, informing me that she was very ill and would not be there.

She had left the service bulletins, hoping Janie, the Lector, would find them. My first thought was how supremely generous Janie had actually been to have swapped with me when she needed to be there as Lector on the same day. Then, I suddenly realized that she was there ALL ALONE! I still didn't know that Janie, unaware that she was scheduled to be the Lector, was at home nursing an injured eye, and that NONE of the scheduled service leaders had shown up!

I knew that I must get to Gateway Gardens at once, though the service would soon be over, but just in case I was somehow desperately needed! I breezed in 22 minutes late. There before my eyes was none other than Ken Walker, dressed in sandals, shorts, and a Hawaiian shirt, bravely conducting the worship service, assisted by his lovely wife, Kathi.

Also there, as usual, was Rita Marquess, next to one of the ladies she is known to befriend. At the piano was a resident of Gateway Gardens, who very proficiently began to play. I walked in and sat in the back, singing *How Great Thou Art*, all the while thinking to myself, HOW GREAT THOU TRULY ART!

Now for the rest of the story... No one called Ken and Kathi and asked them to pinch hit for Jane, Janie and me. They, as parishioners sometimes do, simply decided they would join us that day.

As it happens, they regularly serve as Officiant and Lector for the 5th Sunday Ministry, and were quite comfortable taking over. Eight residents of Gateway Gardens worshipped that day, thanks to my heroes, Ken and Kathi. This experience reminds me how we at Trinity, in our sometimes bungling ways, manage to come together in worship.

I will always laugh when I remember the moment I walked in and saw, not a vested Officiant, but a star in the form of the quite informally dressed Ken Walker. My God, How Great Thou Art! Amen.



Trinity heroes: Ken and Kathi Walker.

Learning - Then and Now

By Carl Ragsdale

While a freshman at university, I had to write a theme on some famous American. I chose to write about Philip Nolan, "The man without a country." I went to the library to do research but couldn't find information in the biographies or the encyclopedias, so I went to the librarian for help. She explained that there was no American named Philip Nolan, that he was a character of fiction in a book written by Edward Everett Hale in 1863 to inspire patriotism during the American Civil War. What an embarrassment! Where was Google when I needed it?

And that is the point. I have recited this little incident to illustrate how slow and difficult it was to access and record information 60 years ago: a trip to the library, look up the information, take notes with pencil and paper (no copiers) and try to remember salient facts by re-reading the material 2-3 times. Now you can look up any and all information at your desk, and print what you want without moving your butt!

If you want to question the veracity of data, there are now "proof-checkers". Ignorance has no "high-ground." If you can read and write (in any language) you can access the knowledge of the world without getting out of bed!

I read recently that there has been a greater gathering of information since 2003 than had been gathered in all history prior to that date. There is no longer an excuse for ignorance except apathy.

For the vast majority of Christians, their only resource for religious knowledge has been the Christian Bible (no "proof-checkers.") Now, if you wanted to know who the Virgin Mary's parents were, just ask Google. You would learn that their names were Anna and Joachim.

If you wanted to know more, you would be directed to the Gospel of James (all 28 chapters). Yeah, not in your family bible; it is apocryphal. There are hundreds

of extant writings out there written in early Christianity that have formerly been known only to a few academicians and bible scholars.

Would you like to know what Origen and Tertullian had to say about the Trinity or why Arius didn't believe that Jesus was divine? Go for it!

Beyond documentation or oral tradition, there are your own musings; things that cross your active and fertile minds if you will but let your mind run free; free from the constraints of church and the opinions of others.

Yes, others have already posted your questions out there on the cloud. Their comments are for your consideration and not necessarily authentic but you will get a feel for how others may be thinking.

Some are blogs but some are commentaries from well regarded bible scholars and theologians. For example: Have you ever asked yourself "when and where Jesus was born?" December 25th, in Bethlehem, right? We don't really know, do we? How can we know the day when we aren't even sure of the year? Bethlehem?

Maybe; that was the prophecy of the Hebrew Scriptures. The birth narratives of Matthew and Luke agree on Bethlehem, but other than that they tell completely different stories.

Jesus is known as Jesus of Nazareth - for good reason, he lived there.

Could he have been born there? If reason and logic are given the same weight as ancient prophecies, I would say yes. Would he be any less God? Caiaphas didn't ask Jesus where he was born but asked him if he was the Son of God!

The point is: learning is available to us in ways that we've never had before. The opinions and knowledge of bible scholars and theologians are ours to have - thinking beyond a worldview of 2000 years ago. God will appreciate your caring and asking. After all, Christianity and a seeking for God did not and should not end with the Revelation of John.

School starts soon. There is a new world of learning and opportunity out there. Go for it!





Madeleine Manigold (right) explains this program of the Ministry and Outreach Commission and presents this year's checks to school nurses Sandra Pollock (left) from Colt Elementary, Allyson Black (center back) from Spicewood Elementary, and Melissa Hemond (center front) from Marble Falls Elementary. Below: This year's underwear and socks contribution.



Back to School

The School Nurses program began years ago when Tom Ashcroft, who was substitute teaching in the elementary school, came to us with concerns that children were coming to school needing prescriptions, doctor/dentist visits, shoes, lice soap, underwear, and other necessities.

The school nurses were the logical resource for helping these children, but they had no school budget to cover these expenses. So we began giving cash donations to schools in the area to be used to address these problems.

When we asked what else they needed, the nurses said the money was not going as far as it had before. Our budget for Outreach was also limited so we asked what they were spending money on that we could provide.

They suggested underwear and socks. That's when we began to have the parish drive for donations of underwear and socks. This 'gift' provides an outward and visible sign of the offering we made. We have also asked that the nurses come to the service to receive the gifts so that the parish could see who was receiving 'their money'.

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 25, was also the Sunday for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Reverend Sugeno and Reverend Boyd blessed the children and their backpacks for the upcoming school year. [photos on this page by Herb Lewis.]



Random Pictures

By Perry Cockerham

It doesn't make any difference for online readers of the Trinity Trumpet if the number of pages is an odd or even number. The printer, however, insists on an even number. As we were finishing up this issue of The Trumpet we realized that we had an odd number of pages, and rather than leave a blank page, I went back through my photo collection and found a few that might be useful here. After all, it was going to be a wasted page.

Top of page: This is a panoramic view of the land behind Trinity church that was recently mowed and cleaned up under the guidance of Junior Warden Mike Delamore. Thanks, Mike, for a job long overdue.

Below: These pictures were taken at the installation service of The Reverend Father Trey Garland on July 28, at [Grace Episcopal Church](#) in Georgetown. The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, was the presider, and The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, was the preacher.

Trey, son of parishioner Kathy Garland, was previously an assistant priest at Trinity before he was called to be the Rector at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC. Kathy and a number of Trinity parishioners made the trip to Georgetown to support Trey in his new church.

I was able to get only a few pictures of the many Trinity folks there that evening. **Below left:** Sandra and Laird



Landis; and **Bottom left:** Mary and Tom Ashcroft. **Below right:** Trey, wearing his [biretta](#) (no, that's not something that uses 9mm shells) greeting Lucia Gurley after the service.

An added bonus for some of the Trinity folks was the opportunity to receive communion from The Rev. Canon Ann Normand, Canon to the Ordinary (former Rector at Trinity.)



This Month at Trinity - September 2013

It's time for Back to School and Christmas is around the corner. Here are some of the upcoming events this fall. Be sure to read *This Week at Trinity* for reminders of these and other events.

Aug 26	Blessing of the Backpacks, 10:30 Service
Sep 4	First Wednesday Service, 5:30pm
Sep 8	Fellowship Sunday, one service only at 10am
Sep 15	Food Pantry Sunday
Sep 29	Bishop Harrison visit and Confirmation, 4pm [morning service at 8am]
Oct 6	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 20	Youth Sunday, 10:30 Service
Nov10	Pledge Drive In-gathering
Dec 4	Blue Christmas (First Wednesday Service), 5:30pm
Dec 18	Lessons and Music and Advent Soiree

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