

Trinity Trumpet

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

Christ-Yoder: Serving Mankind And Animal Kind

By Deanna Bradshaw

*[Editor's note: For more of the very interesting history of the *the Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter and Adoption Center* please refer to the longer version of this article . [Click here.](#)]*

What could be more admirable than spending your lives saving your fellow man and God's animal creatures? It would be hard to find two women who have done just that all of their lives, but they live right here in the Texas Hill Country. Trinity Episcopal Church members know them as parishioner Dee Yoder and our dear friend Lin Christ.

While on active duty as Army nurses at Brooks Army Hospital in San Antonio, they visited the Texas Hill Country and bought land for their future home in Sunrise Beach, Texas. Becoming familiar with the community, it was not long until Dee and Lin were totally involved.

Dee and Lin helped create the Hill Country Humane Society (HCHS) and SPCA, a non-profit organization, in the fall of 1985 after retiring from the Army Nurse Corps. After years of fund raising and planning, the Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter and Adoption Center (CYASAC) opened its doors on January 3, 2000.

Trinity's own Jane Leizear was the first person to bring a rescued dog to the shelter. Even though the shelter was not quite finished, Jane knew that Dee and Lin would take good care of the first rescued dog. Several other Trinity parish members have been active volunteers. Billie and Paul Melancon and Allen and Nick Hamilton have volunteered there and Louise Oxley was a Charter member of CYASAC.

Dee and Lin retired from the Board in January, 2005. Dee had served as treasurer for 18 years and Lin had served as president for 16 years. Even though these two amazing, generous ladies have retired, they continue to be involved with the organization and still get calls from people to resolve animal issues.



Parishioner Dee Yoder and Lin Christ, retired Army nurses and founders of the Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter and Adoption Center.

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They generously support the CYASAC financially. My, what a labor of love these women have exhibited all their lives.

But it was not all work and no play for these amazing gals. Every summer Lin and Dee took several months off to do their favorite thing - travel and camp. They would pack up their dogs, anywhere from 2 to 5 in number, and head out in their travel trailer (doggie house) towed by a Chevy Suburban. Over the years, they visited all 50 states including a summer in Alaska (they had worked in Hawaii.)

Their tours are not as ambitious any more, but by the end of May each year they leave Texas and travel up to the Door County Peninsula in Wisconsin. They spend the summer at Wagontrail Campground at Rowley's Bay on Lake Michigan, about 100 miles north of Green Bay. While there, they enjoy activities with other seasonal friends including indoor and outdoor theaters, the Peninsula Music Festival every August and dining in the many wonderful restaurants.

We are always happy to see Dee return in the fall. She faithfully serves Trinity Episcopal Church on the Altar Guild and as a Sainly Stitcher, needle pointing the beautiful kneelers which will soon grace our altar. When not serving Trinity, Dee might be found fishing on Lake LBJ or dropping by the Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter to lend a hand.

Likewise, the Kingsland Community Church is always happy to see Lin Christ return from her summer travels. Lin sings in the church choir and serves as a Circle Leader in the WCO. Lin also loves to fish and she too is always lending a helping hand at the Christ-Yoder Center.

Next time you see Dee or Lin, please thank them for their years of service to our country as Army nurses and also praise them for their untiring efforts to shelter abused animals found in the Highland Lakes area.

As St. Francis of Assisi once said, "If man excludes any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, he will likewise deal with his fellow men." Dee and Lin certainly exemplify God's teachings of love for all of his creatures. As Christians may we all try to emulate their good example.



The Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, on RR 1431 west of hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam.

From the Rector

By Reverend David Sugeno

By the time you read this, All Saint's Day, celebrated annually on November 1st, will already be past. This is one of the holiest days of the church year, in which we celebrate that great cloud of witnesses, those who have served and now returned to God, a great host of departed saints to whom we are still connected in the body of Jesus Christ, through whom the living and the dead are one.

All Saint's day is one of the few movable feast days of the church calendar year; meaning that if it does not fall on a Sunday, each parish has the option to move its celebration to the first Sunday which follows. As with every parish I have ever attended, it is the custom here at Trinity to celebrate All Saints' Sunday on the first Sunday of November each year.

One of my favorite things about All Saints' Sunday is the annual reading of the Litany for all the Saints. I had never heard this litany until I attended seminary beginning in 2003, but I have done it every year since, introducing it first to the parish I served in Conroe, and now to this parish here in Marble Falls. This is a relatively new litany, about which there is little information available, at least that I've been able to find. It was composed around 1979, mostly by William MacKaye, the former religion editor of the Washington Post. The litany has been adapted for use in different settings over time. By the time I encountered it in seminary, it had been modified from its original form, and I have since modified it to be used in a parish setting.

This litany is simply a long reading of God's faithful servants, some ancient, some much more re-

cent; some traditionally associated with sainthood, some not. There are many names you will never have heard before. We will praise God for the various ways in which he has been served; through his praise and worship, through service to the world, through martyrdom. And there is a

place towards the end for us to call out the names of our own personal saints, those men and women we have known on our earthly pilgrimage whose faith and service is known only to ourselves and God. You can find a version of this litany, along with links which provide biographical information on many of the names we will read here:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/62.html> .

This also is going to be an exceptionally joyful All Saints' Sunday as we initiate a new member into the faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. At the second service we will baptize Madison Lexi Spence, daughter of Courtney and Matthew and sister of Bric into Christ's body. I hope you will plan to join us on this glorious annual celebration, as we remember the saints who have gone before, and celebrate the newest member of the church, whom we will set on the road to sainthood!

Blessings,

Dave



Louise Oxley

Long time parishioner, Louise Oxley, died last week. An article about her 90th birthday and interesting life appeared in the December, 2009, issue of *The Trumpet* and has been posted again on the Trinity [website](#).

Parish Life Commission

By Reverend David Sugeno

The Parish Life Commission is one of the more vibrant and lively groups here at Trinity - as is fitting to the nature of our work! The formal mission of Parish Life is “To organize and oversee parish events that build a sense of community and fellowship in the parish”. Most of these events are well known. Parish Life is responsible for our annual Fellowship Sunday celebration and potluck, we coordinate all the logistics for the Blessing of the Animals, and we are instrumental in other parish events.

In the past year, this commission restarted an old tradition, the spring parish picnic, and started a new one, the spring rummage sale. Both of these events were very well attended, and a wonderful time was had by all! And in addition to having a great time, the rummage sale raised close to \$4,000. Half of this was designated for community outreach, through my rector’s discretionary fund. The other half was put in the general operating fund, with the idea that this extra money would give the individual commissions a little more wiggle room in their budgets, if needed. The hard work of this group (not to mention the many others who pitched in) really paid off!

This may sound like pure fun and games, but there is a very serious and vital ministry behind these events, for they strengthen the bonds of love and affection that bind the members of this parish to one another, better enabling us to see Christ in each other, and strengthening us to do God’s work in the world as a single body, unified in intent and purpose. Yes, we sponsor a lot of fun events, but without the fellowship that is nurtured as part of these events, this body of Christ would have little to animate it.

In addition to the parish events which we regularly sponsor, we are considering a few new ones, including another game night and an Advent party. If you think you might like to be part of the important (and fun!) work of the Parish Life Commission, please contact Reverend Dave, and be on the watch for our next meeting. We always welcome new members to help us better carry out our mission.

Altar Flowers are Available

By Deanna Bradshaw

Isn’t this floral arrangement beautiful? It was given by Trinity on October 9, 2011, in honor of our amazing, generous parish. October 9th was the first Sunday of the new floral program Trinity will enjoy in the future.

Now is the time to reserve the dates most special to you. Giving altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or event is meaningful and very easy. The suggested donation is \$75.00 Please make your check out to Trinity Episcopal Church and note “flower donation” on the check. Flower memorials and dedications cannot be taken for the Sundays during Lent (February 22 through April 7). Please select the date and denote the celebration on the floral calendar in the church hallway.



Sharing the cost with another parishioner is also an option. Each donating parishioner would pay his/her share (if two parties donate for memorials for a given Sunday, each party would be listed in the Sunday bulletin and each party would pay just one half the cost(\$37.50) If you have any questions, please call Deanna Bradshaw at 830 693-7234.

Mortgage update... Great News!

By Mike Kimball

A short nine months ago our mortgage balance was \$660,393. Now, only nine months later, the balance is \$431,588, already reduced by \$228,805! Of the \$382,400 that was pledged last fall, \$219,357 has already been paid, leaving an unpaid balance of \$163,043. So, what do all these figures really mean? Well they mean that we are ahead of schedule in paying down our mortgage. Further, we are approaching the point at which more of our monthly mortgage payment will be applied to principle than to interest!

Here's the rest of the "great news." You will all probably remember that last fall during the "Trinity's Future Without Debt" pledge drive our mortgage interest rate was 7.057%. We re-negotiated our rate, and as of September, it is now 3.83%! So, not only are we paying off the mortgage in pretty big chunks, but soon, with this new lower rate, a larger portion of our \$5,000 per month payment will go toward reducing the principle.

Paying off the mortgage will be a great accomplishment for all of us, but it means even more. Remember the "wish list" we all participated in drawing up last fall? Along with the debt reduction, we achieve the ability to realize some of those "wishes," to grow our Trinity membership, and to spread the word of Christ throughout the Highland Lakes area.

I will update us all again in the February *Trumpet*. Maybe the mortgage balance will fall below the \$400,000 figure?

Book Review: *Weeds Among the Wheat*

By Ashley Harper-Oberle

I read this book with a bit of trepidation. I believe I've already discerned my call over a year ago... would this book add to what I already had learned, or take away from it? I need not have been worried.

Tom Green is a thoughtful teacher to all people of faith. *Weeds Among The Wheat* shows his deep knowledge and love of God and His profound compassion for God's people on Earth.

Green is writing about discernment, which is the art of hearing clearly what God is saying, and then following where He leads - hence the subtitle, "Where prayer and action meet."

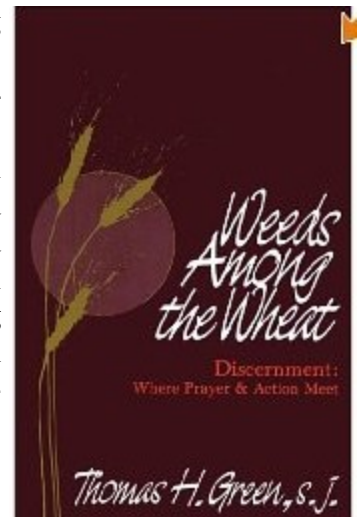
The very idea of a real God, outside of us, speaking to us things we can understand and know come from Him, is ridiculed by many. Bill Maher on HBO speaks of people who actually think they hear God as 'talking to their imaginary friend.' Separating God's voice from all the others crowding our heads is difficult, but God wants us to know Him; with the help of the Holy Spirit, discernment is not at all impossible. Father Green's book is a great place to begin learning how.

One of the captivating things about this book is that it keeps the back-and-forth quality of the Christian life firmly in focus: we serve a God who is power, love, and light, but we are fallen men and women, living in a fallen world with few really black-and-white choices.

(Thus the weeds...)

As we seek to discover or discern God's call for us, *Weeds Among the Wheat* provides an excellent discussion of the topic in clear, articulate language. Unlike many texts, this book is highly readable whether one has little history in theology or is relatively new to spiritual exploration.

As Christians, we are called to do God's work, not just activities or duties that we tend to deem "God's work". We are called to do God's work in our daily lives in the world at large, not just during solitary



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Devotionals from Ann's Garden

By Ann Ragsdale

(Ann has given us permission to reprint portions of her gardening journal which was originally published a number of years ago.)

It is harvest time in the garden. Looking around we see the changing colors of leaves, the bright and beautiful colors of mums and asters, bright orange pumpkins, and baskets of cherry-red apples.

Colors! The warm colors of fall — the reds, oranges, and yellows stimulate, arouse, and engage us. Because color has the ability to elicit our emotions, to shape our moods, to increase or decrease our spiritual receptivity, the effect of color in the sanctuary garden is profound.

Colors have always played a role in religion. In the Christian tradition, the Trinity is often expressed in terms of color. White is the attribute of God the Father, blue of the Son, and red of the Holy Spirit. Virtues, too, take on a special hue:

- White — for faith and chastity
- Green — for hope
- Red — for charity.

We learn from working with color in the garden, the subtle and not so subtle variations in all the colors. Symbolically, green is the most wonderful color for me. It is the color of fertility and growth, youth and new beginnings, and has the power of renewal. Greens encourage feelings of tranquility and restfulness.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he restoreth my soul.... He is the Gardener — I am the vine. Shall we pray?

Thank you Lord for being the Master Gardener in our lives. Thank you for the abundant harvest, and the colors of beauty. Help us as we go into the garden to be still and know you better. Give us patience to take time to look, feel and experience all the wonders around us. Thank you Lord for food to eat, friends and family to love, and most of all, for everlasting life through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Food Pantry

By Jerry Martinez

The director of the local food pantry would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support with the donations of food, and monetary gifts. After our last delivery we discussed the more specific needs of the pantry. The director stated that the bulk items, (gallon size cans, or jars) are welcomed, but are difficult to portion out. They have more calls for smaller 10-16 oz. cans. The center can portion out some of the dry bulk items, but have more of a call to serve smaller families.

Peanut butter is always in demand at the food pantry, and, with this year's drought and damage to peanut crops, the price is expected to rise sharply. Contributors to the food pantry are encouraged to buy peanut butter soon before higher prices set in.

As we come to the season of giving let us continue to support those less fortunate.

Rambling Revelations

By Ashley Harper-Oberle

As I write this, it is the week before Halloween. I will unashamedly, unabashedly tell anyone who will listen that I am a nut for the season of autumn. I play favorites.

Fall ushers in with its cooler temperatures and breezes that whisper quiet secrets. The mornings are crisp and filled with promise, and when the sun shines in the Fall, it seems to warm me within and without. The leaves (in most states) turn a magnificent shade of cherry red, or mandarin orange or a shade of golden that requires no description. In a word, glorious.

But Fall also brings darkness. The nights greet the dark sooner and it stays longer too. The clouds are often tinged with gray and sometimes melancholy hangs in the air without reason or preamble. Monsters lurk and the wind whistles and howls. I used to tell my mother Fall was how I knew the devil was real.

When I was little I used to go down the street to play with Maggie Riley. She actually lived one street over and if I cut through the Gammon's backyard and went the back way I could be there pretty quick. And my mom would let me walk home just after dark. Some nights I would walk home without incident, the street lights guiding my way. Some nights I would feel the hair stand up on the back of my neck and the slightest twinge of something in my heart... Anxiousness? Fear? Trepidation? All of the above.

I would run home as fast as my legs would carry me, never looking back. I felt the fingers of evil grasping for me. I had heard an old wive's tale when I was small that said that once you reached your home's threshold the devil could not pass. I believed it.

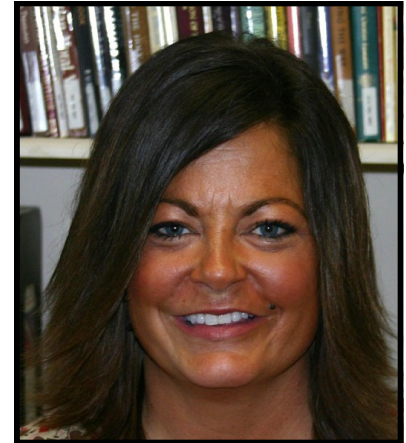
As I grew older I realized the devil and his henchmen were present much more than just in the

nighttime visits as I'd imagined as a child. He never rests. He is there in a lie. He is there in the drugs my children's peers encourage them to smoke or shoot or swallow. He is there every time someone who is drunk decides to drive, or in words of hate or acts of horror: suicide, genocide, murder. He is there in over-consumption, greed and envy. He is sly...and he knows where we live.

I suppose I should finish my story about my walks home as a kid. I didn't run home every night. I didn't have to... I learned at a very young age that God was always with me. Don't ask me how I knew. It wasn't something I was taught, it was something I felt. He cared about every single detail of my life. No corner was too small for His love. So those nights when I felt the chill and the unrest of the darkness encompassing me, He held my hand and walked me home. I felt His warmth and the comfort that comes with knowing I never had to be afraid. I still, to this day, rely on that promise and I am NEVER disappointed.

Does Satan still come calling? Does he still try to follow me home? Of course He does. I still feel it when he drops in from time to time, and I still reach for Papa's hand to lead me home.

Maybe this is why I love autumn most of all..? Because it the season in which I remember knowing with unfailing certainty that I was never alone. Indeed, that I was a child of an almighty Father who had created the heavens and the earth and still had time to walk me home. He'll walk with you, too, if you just take His hand....



WHO AM I?

By Carl Ragsdale

- (1) I was a son of the great King David. Mom was the beautiful Bathsheba. (2 Sam 12:24)
- (2) I was the third and last king of the undivided monarchy of Israel.
- (3) I was rich and wise: very rich and very wise! When I became king I prayed for wisdom to rule my people. It pleased the Lord that I had asked this instead of asking something for myself. So he gave me a wise and discerning mind. He also threw in riches and honor for all of my life! (1 Kings 3:7-14)
- (4) I built the first Temple. "...I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God." (1 Kings 5-7)
- (5) I was visited by the Queen of Sheba (SW Arabia, near modern Yemen) who brought rich and exotic gifts. She had heard of my wisdom and came to see for herself. I answered all of her questions and she was amazed and praised my God. (1 Kings 10)
- (6) Yes, I loved the girls! I had 700 wives and 300 concubines. Many of my wives were foreigners with other gods. As I grew older, these wives turned away my heart after those other gods. The Lord my God was not pleased with me! (1 Kings 11:1-14)
- (7) I reigned in Jerusalem for 40 years. I slept with my ancestors and was buried in the city of my father David. I was succeeded by my son Rehoboam, though his kingdom was no longer the undivided monarchy. (1 Kings 11:41)



Carl Ragsdale

WHO AM I? (Check the birthday list for the answer.)

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times of prayer or devotion.

Father Green provides a rich source of information in developing discernment in the context of a special life-long journey. It is an excellent introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola and to "the place where prayer and action meet."

A chapter on how Jesus discerned infallibly His identity and mission, as well as how his disciples discerned longingly the person of Jesus and His mission, and what the apostles Paul and John had taught about spiritual discernment in their letters to the faithful (e.g., Galatians 5:19-23 in the New Testament) is an interesting and igniting read.

Next, more details on the kind of disposition and 'climate' that a discerner needs to maintain to be truly open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

To truly appreciate what he has to say requires careful

and thoughtful reading; the exercises he provides at the conclusion of each chapter can be challenging and enlightening. I was happy to find that the guidance he provides is comfortably applicable in the life of any Christian.

I should however, add a caveat: I found his writing and angle of this book a little sexist and a lot Roman Catholic. There's no room here for the inward light of the Holy Spirit, "who lives in all believers so that they no longer need anyone to teach (them) what is true.. For the Spirit teaches (them) all things". There is not a single author cited within the book that is from outside the Roman Catholic church or model. I forced myself to set these things aside and read the book for what it could teach me. I was glad I did.

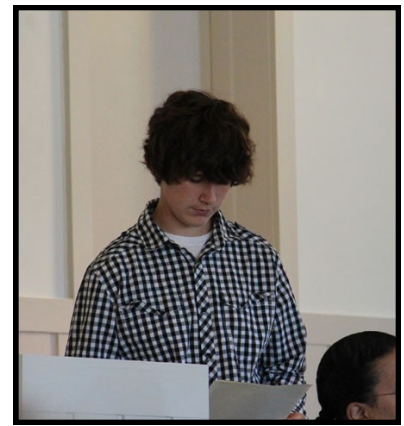
Father Green's book is worth the time and the exercises he includes are helpful and thought-provoking. If you are wondering how God is calling you, check it out!

THE TRUMPETEER



Youth Sunday 2011

On Sunday, October 30th, we were treated to a shining worship service conducted by Trinity's youth. These pictures show Trinity youth actively leading the worship service. We offer our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.



November Birthdays

- 8 Lee Dernehl
- 8 Barbara Rounsborg
- 9 Mary Walsh
- 10 Matthew Spence
- 11 Rod Miller
- 15 Jim Hughes
- 15 Sally Nelson
- 16 Carol Glass
- 17 Teri Kimball
- 17 Suzy Platt
- 24 Sue Ann Couchman
- 26 Susie Jastrow
- 28 Ashley Harper-Oberle

Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Jeff & Stacy Lashbrook
- 21 Sam & Ellen Spiller
- 27 Ken & Kathi Walker
- 28 Conrad & Pam Rodgers

New Members

Trinity welcomes new members:
Mike & Louise Hancock

Deaths:

Trinity expresses sympathy for the families of parishioners **Helen Rose and Louise Oxley.**

Who Am I?

Solomon

Clergy And Staff

The Rev. David Sugeno *Rector*
 Polly Lewis *Bookkeeper*
 Janie Cunningham *Parish Secretary*
 Phil Kuhne *Organist/Choirmaster*
 Billie Melancon/Judy Speers *Altar Guild*
 Beryl Kenney *Seminarian*
 Penny Miller *Webminister*
 Mary Ashcroft *Membership Secretary*
 Gale Laubach *Administrative Asst.*
 Herb Lewis *Treasurer*

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The Order of the Daughters of the King

We will pray for these families the week of:

- Nov. 6: Tom & Mary Ashcroft; John and Judy Bailey; Wesley & Molly Berg, George and Dorothy Book
- Nov.13: Kaye Boothe; Bill & Deanna Bradshaw; Abbi Breckwoldt; Linda Brown; Barbara Chitwood
- Nov.20: Perry and Mardi Cockerham; Sue Ann Couchman; Sally, Morgan and T.J. Crawford; Janie Cunningham
- Nov.27: Wayne and Marta Day; Grant Dean; Mike and Anita Delamore; Carolyn Derington, Lee Dernehl



Links to Internet Sites of Interest...

- [Trinity Episcopal Church Marble Falls](#)
- [Bishop Andy Doyle's Blog](#)
- [Book of Common Prayer](#)
- [Bible \(NRSV\)](#)
- [Episcopal Diocese of Texas](#)
- [Episcopal Church of the US](#)
- [Episcoric](#)

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Financial Highlights

By Herb Lewis

	September 2011	2011 YTD
Total Revenue	\$23,644	\$235,280
Total Expense	\$23,843	\$227,608
Change in Net Assets		
Before Depreciation	\$-199	\$7,673
Depreciation	\$5,000	\$45,000
Change in Net Assets		
After Depreciation	\$-5,199	\$-37,328

News from the Diocese of Texas

The Diocese of Texas sent a reminder that parishioners can sign up for a weekly diocesan newsletter - *Dialog E-News*. If you haven't already done so, the link to sign up is [here](#).

Upcoming Events ([Trinity Calendar on the web](#))

- 11/6 All Saints Sunday
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent

Save the date...

- 12/4 A Giving Fair - give the gift of giving to others
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 5pm and 8pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day, one service only at 10am
- 1/22 Annual parish meeting

Adult Forum

The adult forum meets on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 in the multipurpose classroom. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 6 “Ask Dave Sunday”
- Nov. 13 & 20 Disaster Preparedness, taught by Beryl. Included as part of this will be a demonstration on using the AED in our narthex, which will be done by Jan Tomison.
- Nov. 27 Intro to the gospel of Mark



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