

Trinity Trumpet

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

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.)

Have we spoiled Christmas? Maybe even lost it? Because we have forgotten the meaning of Advent - of the light that comes into darkness, of our need to repent and prepare ourselves to receive the true gift? Advent is a time to let our old, used-up, sinful selves die into the earth like this withered Sweet Annie from my garden. It is time to let it fall into the earth to be raised up again. This beautiful fragrant Rosemary reminds me of the beauty of resurrection.



In our race to capture a piece of manufactured happiness, some of us have forgotten that in this captive world the other side of real joy is sorrow. There is dying in the birth of Christ and there is also birth in His death. Advent and Christmas are about just this. I visit my garden in December lest I forget the dying in Christ's birth and the birth in His dying. Let us pray.

Throughout this joyful season, O Lord, as we gather together, unite our hearts with the warm glow of love and our voices in the bright gladness of song. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as He loves us. Bless this meal that we now receive to sustain us as we seek to love and serve through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Cologne Cathedral - Windows "Bayernfenster" - Three Wise Men © Raimond Spekking /CC-BY-SA-3.0 (via [Wikimedia Commons](#))

Second Annual Giving Fair

Trinity is sponsoring a **Giving Fair** to let everyone learn about several organizations serving our local community and to honor a loved one with a gift.- What better gift could one give, and what more appropriate way of marking the Savior's birth than by giving to those in our community who are in need.

Each Fair participant will have information about their organization, provide cards for donations, will notify those honored by the donations, and will have the ability to take donations by credit card or check.

Trinity Episcopal parishioners have been very gener-

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From the Rector

By Reverend David Sugeno

As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a few days off, and I am focused, more than ever, on the many things I have to be thankful for. As always, I have so many blessings for which to be thankful, for my life, my health, for Amy and for Samuel. One of the things for which I am constantly thankful is that I have been given the incredible privilege of serving the people of Trinity Episcopal Church as your rector. As we enter into one of our holiest seasons, and recall the greatness of God's love for us, and all He has done for us, I give thanks for you all, for allowing me to serve you as your priest, and for all that you do for this parish and for the community as God's faithful disciples. May God bless each of you this Advent season, and may God continue to bless this wonderful parish we are so fortunate to call home.

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Though the culture around us is in full holiday swing, as Christians we recognize that we cannot arrive at Christmas until we have first passed through the season of Advent. You can't rush a good thing! One of the ways in which we keep our attention properly focused during Advent is through our worship. Our Sunday morning worship is very much focused on themes of waiting, anticipation, and preparation, as we rehearse some of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus so many years ago, and make sure that we are prepared for his return.

Another great way of keeping a proper Advent focus is by attending our annual service of Advent Lessons and Music at 6:00 on Wednesday, December 14th. This traditional Anglican service is a series of scriptures (we typically use six readings here at Trinity), each followed by a musical response. Some of the music is congregational,

some are anthems sung by the choir. These songs are not "Christmas Carols", but rather songs with strong Advent themes, each of which relates to the reading which precedes it. This year, the Parish Life Commission will be hosting an "Advent Soiree" immediately following this service, with a simple but elegant reception including wine and hors d'oeuvres. If you would like to help out with this reception, please contact Ann Ragsdale.

On Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 pm we will have a new worship offering, called a "Blue Christmas" service. This time of year, though filled with joy and promise, is for many very painful. Those who have experienced loss, whether in the recent or distant past, may feel those losses more keenly during the holiday season. Those who are having difficulty in life, illness, joblessness, etc, may have conflicted feelings about the celebrations they see around them. For those who are having any such difficulty this year, we are offering a "Blue Christmas" service. This service of scripture readings, songs, and prayers is designed to offer comfort, healing, and hope to those who may be in need of Christ's healing presence this Advent season. If you have any questions about this service, please contact Dave at the church office.



Blessings,

Dave

The Advent Conspiracy?

From [Dialog E-News](#)

As we begin the holiday season and enter Advent, we'd like to challenge all of you to rethink Advent this year and evaluate what is really important. What if we spent less money and more time during the holidays this year? What if we even gave some money away? [Click here](#).to watch a video.

Meet New Trinity Member Cheryl Guerry

By Deanna Bradshaw

Cheryl Guerry is a very busy lady. She works full time as a CPA at Davis, Valentine and Company, P.C., here in Marble Falls. Cheryl was born in Robstown, Texas, and grew up as a Methodist. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas in Austin. Later she went to the University of Corpus Christi and took business and accounting courses and successfully passed the CPA exam in 1989. While living in Corpus, Cheryl attended the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.



Before moving to the Highland Lakes area, she lived in Houston for twenty years. In 1996 her husband inherited a rent house from his mother. She and her husband came to Marble Falls to see the condition of the house. At the time, Cheryl had heard of Marble Falls, but had never been here.

As soon as they crossed the bridge over Lake Marble Falls, they knew this was the place they wanted to permanently reside when the time was right to relocate. They refurbished the rent house and sold it. They then purchased a house on Lake Marble Falls which they used as a weekend house for several years. As time passed, they then decided to make major renovations on this house, but instead, tore it down and built a new home. The Guerry's moved to Marble Falls permanently in 2006. Her husband who served in the United States Marine Corps still travels back and forth to Houston about two days a week.

Cheryl has one son, Jay Corder, age 40, who lives in Austin with his wife Daphne and their two children, Jennifer, age 8 and Lauren, age 6. Jay is an architect in the capitol city. She loves having the grandchildren and family living so close to her.

Please make an effort to meet this lovely new parishioner. She usually attends Trinity's 8:00 a.m. service but depending on her schedule, she often attends the 10:30 a.m. service. Let's make Cheryl feel very welcome at Trinity.

Kudos to the Floral Committee

By Reverend Sugeno

As you read in last month's Trumpet, we have arranged, through the work and guidance of Bill and Deanna Bradshaw a new system for providing altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Now that they have handed over this duty to a local florist, I wish to publically thank the Floral Committee for their many years of behind the scenes work that has so greatly contributed to our life and worship here at Trinity.

As many of you may know, these stunning flower arrangements have been provided for many years on a volunteer basis by a few dedicated parishioners, Bill and Deanna Bradshaw, Gloria Lomax, Charmaine Musslewhite, and Agnessa Nobles

They have charged only the wholesale cost of the flowers themselves, allowing for magnificent arrangements at a very low cost. We are truly blessed to have such talent and dedication here at Trinity, and after many years of service, this faithful team has more than earned their "retirement" from their labors!

Though we have all gotten spoiled by the quality of work they have given us over the years, I am very grateful that they worked so hard to ensure that affordable, commercially provided floral arrangements could continue to be offered on Sundays.

Please join me in thanking Bill, Deanna, Gloria, Charmaine, and Agnessa for their years of dedication to this ministry. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Living Christmas Trees For 2011

By Deanna and Bill Bradshaw

Wasn't that a blessed Thanksgiving 2011? Let us always be thankful to the Lord for our bountiful blessings.

As the calendar year quickly advances, Trinity parishioners can now put our energies into preparing for the Christmas season.

Since local residents have had so much damage to trees in the Texas Hill Country from wildfire and drought this year, a wise alternative might be to purchase and later plant a "Living Christmas Tree". This type of tree will be able to be used after our Christmas celebrations by planting it in our lawn or in a neighborhood park. These trees will become permanent members of our landscape and restore beauty to our community.

Some of the varieties of Living Christmas Trees appropriate for Central Texas are the following:

Cedrus deodara Deodar Cedar

X Cupressocyparis leylandii (syn. *Callitropsis x leylandii*) Leyland Cypress

Cupressus arizonica Arizona Cypress

Juniperus chinensis 'Blue point' Blue point Juniper

Pinus halepensis Aleppo Pine

Pinus pinea Italian Stone Pine

Rosmarinus officinalis Rosemary (Trimmed in Form of Christmas Tree)

All of these varieties are recommended by the horticulturalists at the Lady Bird Wildflower Center in Austin.

Living Christmas Trees are available this 2011 season in Austin from **The Natural Gardener** on Old Bee Caves Road (512/288.6113); ask for Lauren. They are also available at **Barton Springs Nursery** on Bee Caves Road (512/328.6655); ask for Dave. Regrettably, in checking with the local Marble Falls nursery sources, none of these merchants plan to offer Living Christmas Trees for sale this year.



Blue point Juniper

Elf News

By Deanna Bradshaw

The Trinity Elves will be busy once again as the church readies itself for celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The greening and decorating of the church will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service on December 18, 2011. Decorating is fun and all are invited to participate. It is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Elf Nick Hamilton continues to be busy; he has added beautiful pansies to his landscape in the entry flower bed as one enters the church. Thank you, Nick, for keeping this area so perfect.



Beryl Kenney, Marge Lathrop, and Bruce Lomax decorating the Christmas tree last year. Come help them decorate again on December 18.

A Christmas Without Dad

By Pam Wiesen Rodgers

[If you would like to help with the Pastoral Care Commission, or are just interested in learning more about their ministry, please contact Pam Rodgers, leader of this [awesome](#) group.]

It's been a raw hard week. My tears have been at the edge of my eyes and I work hard not to shed them. Church is especially hard. It's quiet and I still my busy mind and listen. I've seen the back of Dad's head in the grocery store and wanted to tell him about the deer and foxes we are feeding. I reach for the phone to call Mom and Dad on Sunday like the many Sundays before.

The holiday season is frequently a difficult time for families after the death of a loved one. My family, like many others is facing a Christmas season without my dad and there will be an empty chair at the table. Ignoring his absence is like dancing around the elephant in the living room.

The Pastoral Care Commission recently hosted a presentation on the dying process and hospice services. Sherry Cuffman, hospice nurse and consultant delivered the presentation with loving kindness and had many wise things to say. I'd like to share some of the information gleaned from her program and offer some ideas on how to get through the holidays after the loss of a loved one.

Dying is a process with an acknowledgement of mortality and an internal "taking stock" of one's life. The usually grumpy grand paw does not become a sweet 'ole man because he is dying. People die like they live and maintain their personality. Death has no timeline but, there are some behavioral and physical changes you may notice.

A withdrawal from the world around them occurs and you may notice a loss of interest in the newspaper or television. Communication decreases while sleeping more than usual occurs. Food also becomes unimportant because they no longer need it to sustain their body. Physical changes may include lower blood pressure, and breathing and skin color changes.

Grief is like having a broken heart and the Christmas season may intensify the hurt. Be kind to your-

self and know the first Christmas without your loved one will be different and you may not be up for "your usual" holiday activities. It may be helpful to take time and give some thought on what you would like to do and not do during the holidays.

It's okay to skip a party and not decorate the house. It's also okay to stay busy to get through the holidays and understand the grieving process will continue at its own pace. You may want to acknowledge the loss of a loved one on Christmas day by leaving a chair empty at the table or asking everyone to tell their favorite story about the absent person. Placing a picture on the mantle or lighting a candle and saying a prayer in private are other choices to consider.

Performing acts of kindness is another way to honor your family member or friend. Random acts of kindness might include buying a pair of shoes for a child in foster care, visiting a nursing home or leaving a large tip for your food server. Buying a balloon bouquet for someone in the hospital this Christmas and asking the nurses to deliver it is something you could do anonymously. I plan to invite everyone sitting around the Christmas table to toast Dad for his love of family and the wonderful example he and Mother gave us.

Our speaker, Sherry Cuffman, mentioned hospice staff cite many examples of people picking their time to "let go" of this world. I find comfort in knowing this is part of the dying process. Many times my father said he would like to die in his sleep "if the good Lord let him have some say in it." He did.



Rambling Revelations

By Ashley Harper-Oberle

November presented me with all sorts of challenges. It was a bit like drowning. I'm not perfect, far from it. However, some people and situations are so deplorable that I just don't know how to handle them. As usual, I won't bore you with the details...but I found myself really truly wondering: *What would Jesus do?*

Most of you have seen this phrase on bracelets, bumper stickers, notebooks, billboards... The 'campaign' was started in the late eighties and I'm not entirely certain who created the buzz- but it has had massive staying power.



This month I read a book called Jesus In Blue Jeans by Laurie Beth Jones. In it, she talks about the fuss made over the Scorsese movie 'The Last Temptation of Christ' in which the "what if" theory is floated that Christ decided **NOT** to be crucified for us. That, in fact, as a human he decided he'd rather live his life out as a carpenter, marry Mary Magdelene, have children, then grandchildren and live happily-ever-after. This theory has been floated before.

The thing is, we know what happened. We know, as the Divine, he already knew what he must do...and though he really truly probably had moments he didn't *want* to- he did it anyway.

The fact that God, his father, made him mortal, shared his faith in humanity by making his son able to perish, able to make his own decision about his fate, speaks volumes to me. God loves us so much that he trusted his son would do what was right...even when we had failed so miserably, he believed in us. How else do you explain allowing his own son to decide? He made him truly corporeal. Just like us.

So what did Jesus do? He lived. He worked and studied. He was kind and thoughtful, sensitive, loving, enlightened. He also struggled with his faith in himself and his father, normal temptations, frustrations, sadness and anger... And then he died for us. He suffered as a man. He was tortured and terrorized and he bled as a mere mortal man, and he did so with dignity and grace. When he was whipped and beaten and made to wear thorns about his head, he bled real blood.

When I was little I used to like to believe that during the crucifixion that Jesus didn't really *feel* anything- that he was somewhere else in his mind, that when he bled butterflies flew out of his wounds and that he was healed. It was so much easier to believe, so much more palatable.

As a child, you don't understand the significance of such an epic sacrifice...unless, of course, you are Jesus. Born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes on a cold dark night, this child of God, knew what he was called to do from the moment he breathed his first breath. The animals honored him, as did the shepherds and the wise men. As did all who came to know Him...whether silently or aloud. What must it have been like to understand the secrets of the universe and still just be a child? To know your destiny and still long to just play games with your friends till after dark?

This man lived out his entire life knowing the outcome. What if he **HAD** changed his mind? Would it have mattered? Granted, it would have been a little less miraculous...a little less spectacular. It also

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would have been a lot less heart-breaking and a lot less difficult to accept. It wouldn't however, have changed the man that we knew to be exceptional and magical and wonderful... He lived his life as mortal, and from the day he was born he lived above reproach. He was in fact, a brilliant thinker, a philanthropist, a healer, a teacher, the best kind of friend, a good brother, a loving son.

So when I look in the mirror and I ask myself, "what would Jesus do?" There is no mistaking the answer. He would do what was right, and good and true...and he would do it as an earthly being filled with love and kindness and a human heart that had to ache for a different outcome while knowing it was not to be.

A heart that pumped the very blood that now courses through our veins and gives us life...and it all started with the birth of a baby. Let us never forget.

Happy Christmas.

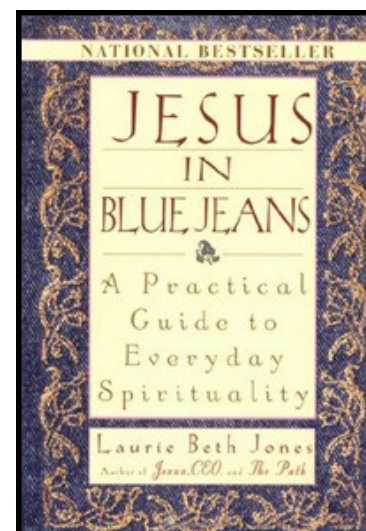
Book Review: *Jesus in Blue Jeans: A Practical Guide to Everyday Spirituality* by Laurie Beth Jones

By Ashley Harper-Oberle

In 1995, Laurie Beth Jones released *Jesus CEO*, the first book in a trilogy that traces her own journey from well-heeled executive through a season of personal self-examination, ending finally in blue jeans, having found her heart's true home. *The Path* is the second book and helps readers identify their divine purpose in life. Her final book, *Jesus in Blue Jeans*, seems to answer the request: "Could you please write a book that could help me with my everyday life?"

Beginning with the proposition that Jesus had an everyday life, Laurie Beth Jones explores the four fundamental qualities of Jesus that we can emulate in our everyday lives: poise, perspective, passion, and power. These four qualities became the pillars of practical spirituality for Jesus. Poise refers to the state of balance or equilibrium of the mind, which facilitated a right and uncluttered perspective in life, which in turn, provided him with a passion for a mission in life. And the rightly ordered passion had the backing of the power which emanated from a wellspring of love and compassion. The poise was evident in the way Jesus groomed himself, hummed, trusted his instincts, learned the power of release, and so on.

He had larger perspective, made a covenant with the present, kept a grateful remembrance of events and people, kept the sense of the sacred in everything around him. His passion led him to have thunder in his hooves, practice his highest gift, be in touch with his destiny and pour out his being. With his power, he created openings and atmosphere, interrupted familiar patterns in people and society, gave



the gift of his presence, and threw his light forward.

She investigates the everyday challenges common to all of us, using Jesus' life as our model. Each chapter includes a meditation and teaching, and closes with a question to challenge and motivate us. She doesn't intend that we remain passive spectators, rather that we embrace life and participate fully.

Jones has a special gift for presenting the teachings of Jesus in ways that are at once practical and transcendent. By writing about subjects that are familiar to all of us, she makes us comfortable with exploring this unfamiliar ground. Once we feel safe, she quietly steps aside, shifting our attention from our own anxieties to the wisdom of Jesus. The result is an openness and receptivity that might not have been possible for us before.

Jones, through her *Jesus in Blue Jeans: A Practical Guide to Everyday Spirituality* offers us insights into how that exceptional person of Jesus can be the guy next door and how his story of life can enrich ours. You don't necessarily have to be a Christian to appreciate his principles of life identified by Jones. In fact, you can very well remain what you are as far as your external identities go, yet deeply imbibe the life principles Jesus practiced in his everyday spirituality.

Jones removes Jesus from theology without sacrificing her own belief. Her love for God is evident and her life seems to overflow with love, enthusiasm, and joy. Moreover, she builds within the reader a curiosity that goes well beyond the covers of this book, giving the reader the incentive to explore Jesus for him- or herself, so that each experiences the fullness of life.

Indeed, the book is a powerhouse of short reflections that can fill us with the realization that we can breathe in and out deep spirituality in our ordinary daily living, if we are willing.

If we only we are willing...

Worship Commission Survey

By Tom Ashcroft

The subcommittee of the Worship Commission has met and tabulated all the responses in regard to having an additional service at Trinity.

We wish to thank all of the Trinity parishioners who took part in the survey by letting us know your feelings. There was a good response and from analyzing the results, it seems a good number would like to see an additional service.

The planning is in progress, but with the upcoming busy seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter - it will be at least May, 2012, before a new service can be started. Most likely, we will begin with a monthly service of some type.

Thank you again for your support in responding to this survey.

Ray Payne - Trinity Benefactor

By Reverend Sugeno

We were saddened to learn of the death of [Ray Payne](#) on Thursday, November 24th. Though not an official member of Trinity, Ray was the architect of the wonderful worship space in which we currently gather, and he was working with us as we addressed solutions to the cracked beam, as well as other future projects.

Ray put an enormous amount of time and work into the design and construction of the addition which was dedicated in 2005, and over that time got to know many Trinity parishioners. Very early on, Ray fell in love with this parish, and stopped billing us, driving out once a week during construction and refusing even to be reimbursed for mileage. Not only that, but Ray began contributing financially on a regular basis!

On his death, his family asked that donations in his memory be made to Trinity, reflecting how important this church was to him; he regarded us as far more than just another client.

Many of you may not have met Ray since he lived in Austin and did not worship with us on Sundays, but he contributed more to this parish than most of us will ever know. We give thanks for Ray's life and ministry, as we grieve the loss of this talented and dedicated artist.



Trinity Completes Another Successful Pledge Campaign

By Mike Kimball

The members of Trinity have once again demonstrated their generosity. The pledge campaign just completed reflects an annual pledge to date of \$294,780. With the remaining anticipated outstanding pledges, we expect our total 2012 pledge amount to exceed \$300,000! This compares to the 2011 pledge of \$284,510. Fr. Dave and the members of the Stewardship Commission offer a sincere "Thank you" to the Trinity family for your outstanding response to this fall's pledge campaign.

So, what does this mean to all of us? First, it allows the budget committee to complete the 2012 operating budget with little to no cuts to the funding requests from the various commissions. This will be the first time that we have, as a parish, been able to factor in increases to existing programs or start new initiatives in many years! Second, it allows us to do more within the community. Our Outreach Commission will be able to look into more ways to bring the love of God and Trinity to members of the Highland Lakes who are in need of a helping hand. And, third, it allows us to look inside Trinity and explore ways to enrich our lives and our worship services.

It is because of the everyday stewardship of your time, talent, and treasure that Trinity Episcopal Church is able to be an instrument of God's healing love to us and to our community. Thank you all, and may God bless Trinity and each of you in 2012 and beyond.

WHO AM I?

By Carl Ragsdale

- (1) I was one of the Twelve Apostles. I was also one of two Apostles called “son of Alphaeus”.
- (2) I was a Levite by tribal affiliation and a publican by trade. Because of my occupation I was generally despised by my neighbors and fellow Jews.
- (3) When Jesus saw me he said, “Follow me”. It was not a command but an irresistible invitation; compelling beyond language.
- (4) I wrote one of the four canonical gospels. My work is often called the “fulfillment gospel”. In it, Jesus Christ is described particularly as the fulfiller and fulfillment of God’s will disclosed in the Hebrew Scriptures. My special aim was to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the legitimate heir to the royal house of David and was the long awaited Messiah, the “anointed one of God”.
- (5) Tradition has it that I was martyred with a halberd while witnessing in Ethiopia.
- (6) I am commemorated in the Western Church on September 21st and in the Eastern Church on November 29th.

Who am I? *[find the answer in the birthday list.]*



Church of St. Mary & St. Lambert, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

Beth Moore Study

By Mary Ashcroft

A new Beth Moore Bible Study is coming in February – “Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent.” This will be a Bible study of Psalms 120-134. Look for more information in the January Trumpet.

Communications Survey

During the first two Sundays of December the Communications Commission will be conducting a survey at both services to assess how we are doing in regard to keeping the parish informed on upcoming activities, news, commissions, etc. We have three main tools: the Trinity website, The Trumpet monthly newsletter, and This Week at Trinity weekly newsletter. Please help us out and take a few minutes to fill out the survey. A free subscription will be given to all who participate.

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ous with their time, money and commitment to God's work. Please help us make this a great success for these organizations as well as a blessed gift of thanksgiving and love.

Giving Fair: An Advent alternative shopping opportunity

Sunday, December 4th, 7:30am to 12:30pm, Trinity Narthex

Participants:

An expanded version of this list with short descriptions of each organization's activities is posted on the Trinity website ([click here for additional information](#)). Or you can also click on each participant name below to get more information from their site on the internet.

[Seton Community Outreach/Seton Care a Van](#). (Trinity contacts: Ginny Wortham and Penny Miller)

[Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center](#) (Trinity contact: Madeleine Manigold)

[CASA for the Highland Lakes Area](#) (Trinity contacts: Herb Lewis and Kathy Kasparek)

[Camp Phoenix](#) (Trinity contact: Amy Sugeno)

[Meals on Wheels](#) (Trinity participant: Lee Dernehl)

[The Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center \(HCCAC\)](#) (Trinity contact: Pam Rodgers)

[The Helping Center](#) (Trinity contact: Joyce Fisher/Board Member; Patsy & Jerry Martinez deliver the food from Trinity to the Center)

Shining a Christmas Light for Families at the Crisis Center

By Ashley Harper-Oberle

How can you make a difference for a family in need this Christmas?

Each year the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center provides refuge for individuals and their children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Leaving home often with nothing but the clothes on their backs, they arrive at the Crisis Center. This is particularly difficult during the Christmas season as parents struggle with providing not only for their children's emotional and safety needs, but also for their children's desires for Christmas gifts. Barbara Stanford, Fiscal Manager and long-time staff member at the Crisis Center states, "Without these gift cards, some of our clients would have no Christmas at all. It lets them know someone cares about them."

Several years ago, the Ministry and Outreach Commission developed a program to empower the parents in the shelter when they most need assistance. Instead of giving pre-selected gifts to the children, the Commission decided to give the parents Wal-Mart gift cards. This way, the parents can select what they know their children need and want, and the parent can actually be the giver, rather than the onlooker. At a particularly difficult and lonely time in their lives, this raises the self-esteem and dignity of the parents as well as their children.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a gift card of whatever denomination fits your budget? Our goal is to present \$25 in Wal-Mart gift cards for each of the 37 beds in the shelter by **December 11**. Checks are also welcome, made out to the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. If you wish to make a donation, please look for the poster with a collection box in the Narthex. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are struggling this holiday season.



This year Ministry and Outreach is going to the non-profit charities to present our gifts rather than asking them to come to us. The first presentation was to the Helping Center. Above: Reverend David Sugeno, Madeleine Manigold, Joyce Fisher, Sue Kennedy and Neal Youker. Below: Jerry Martinez and Madeleine attended along with several other Trinity members. *[More on this in the January Trumpet.]*

December Birthdays

6 **Billie Melancon**
 13 **Lucia Gurley**
 16 **James Dudley**
 16 **Diana Wood**
 17 **Lee Roose**
 19 **Agnessa Nobles**
 19 **Pat Sorensen**
 20 **Micki Hudson**
 21 **Sally Crawford**
 21 **Bob Kulpaca**
 26 **Dorothy Book**
 26 **Ted Watson**
 28 **Phil Kuhne**
 28 **Seth Smith**
 31 **Ed Manigold**

Wedding Anniversaries

21 **Ted and Cheryl Guerry**
 29 **Rod & Ellen Miller**

Baptism:

Trinity expresses congratulations to **Madison Lexi Dale Spence**, daughter of Matthew and Courtney Spence

Deaths:

Trinity expresses sympathy for the families of **Ray Payne** and **Elouise Dennison** (mother of Rev Ann.)

Who Am I?

Matthew

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 Assistant*
Herb Lewis *Treasurer*

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Penny Miller *Senior Warden*, **Ed Manigold** *Junior Warden*, **Lee Dernehl** *Vestry Clerk*
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The Order of the Daughters of the King

We will pray for these families the week of:

Dec 4: Justin, Kelly, Karlea, Emily and Lynlea Dilworth; Karen Dorian; Grant and Anita Dorsey, James and Kara Dudley
 Dec.11: Thomas, Florence & Matthew Edwards; Kathy Ewing, Joyce Fisher, John & Kathy Garland
 Dec.18: Ann Gieseke; Ruth Geiger; Ed and Carol Glass; Bill and Emmy Goodman, Ethel Grogan
 Dec.25: Cheryl Guerry; John and Lucia Gurley; Arthur and Joan Hallam; Nick & Allen Hamilton



Links to Internet Sites of Interest...

[Trinity Episcopal Church Marble Falls](http://www.Trinity Episcopal Church Marble Falls) [Episcopal Diocese of Texas](http://www.Episcopal Diocese of Texas)
[Bishop Andy Doyle's Blog](http://www.Bishop Andy Doyle's Blog) [Episcopal Church of the US](http://www.Episcopal Church of the US)
[Book of Common Prayer](http://www.Book of Common Prayer) [Episcorific](http://www.Episcorific)
[Bible \(NRSV\)](http://www.Bible (NRSV))

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Financial Highlights

By Herb Lewis

	<u>October 2011</u>	<u>2011 YTD</u>
Total Revenue	\$23,644	\$235,280
Total Expense	\$23,843	\$227,607
Change in Net Assets		
Before Depreciation	\$-199	\$7,673
Depreciation	\$-5,000	\$45,001
Change in Net Assets		
After Depreciation	\$-5199	\$-37,328

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

- 12/4 A Giving Fair - give the gift of giving to others
- 12/11 Blue Christmas Service, 4:00 pm
- 12/14 Advent Lessons and Music followed by Advent Soiree, 6:00 pm
- 12/18 Decorate the Church after the 10:30am service
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 5pm and 8pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day, one service only at 10am

Save the date...

- 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:

- Dec 4 No Adult forum - Giving Fair
- Dec 11, 18 Refresher on the Gospel of Mark



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