



Trinity Tidings

August 2019

Looking Ahead



The month of August already? Well, yes. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It seems to be moving along rather quickly. Pretty soon, we will usher in the Fall Program.

The newsletter for next month will provide information about this program, including the Adult and Youth Christian Education courses, our worship schedule, and the return of the Chancel Choir.

In preparation for this, there is information that I wish to provide to you now as we continue to look ahead towards our future.

Ministries Support

Jeanette Adamczak has been a member of the staff as Parish Secretary since 2017. Since my arrival last year, she has been – and will continue to be – a tremendous help to me, in addition to others. This month, her job description will change so that she may assist with the mission of the congregation.

During our time working together, we both have become aware of a need relating to the building of stronger ties of communication and support for the various groups and guilds of the parish.

The new designation for Jeanette will be called *Ministries Support*. She will work with me and the many ministry groups to assist and promote the mission and life of Trinity Church.

Outreach Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Diane Sercu is the new coordinator for the outreach ministry of this parish. She offers to this vocation a wealth of information, as well as existing relationships with organizations among the greater community.

Diane also shares with me the belief that now is the right time for the youth of the parish to take a more active role in outreach and events.

I look forward to working with her, and I thank her for accepting this role in the parish. Further information about parish outreach will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Trinity Parish Website

Two months ago, we entered into an agreement with *Future Buffalo*, a website design company based in the City of Buffalo, to design and launch a new parish website.

Vestry and I recently viewed the initial phase of this new design at our July meeting. We gave the go-ahead for this new format and we are excited about this work being done. We hope the new site will be up and running soon.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Important dates in August:

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on First and Third Wednesdays of the month, August 7 and 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Sewing Group: private rental of Garland Hall, Saturday, August 10, 8:30 a.m.

Fredonia Place: Tuesday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.; Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room.

Parish Hall and Office Closed: Wednesday, August 14. No entry due to the cleaning of flooring throughout the building.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

June 18, 2019

As approved at the July Meeting

Present: Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Doreen Gould; William Roberts; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Sue Torrance; Jack Torrance; and The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Cathy Berner and Lucy Bryant.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed with opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Doreen Gould to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting, with a second by Melisa Eichmann. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

A motion was by Melisa Eichmann to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- At the end of May, we had \$17,842.00 in the checking account of our General Fund. We averaged about \$12,600.00 per month for

the first five months in income with pledges, loose and special offerings, and investments.

- The Merrill-Lynch investments were down for the month of May, approximately 3.3%. However, when compared to the national average drop of 7.5%, we are well invested.
- Building/Window Fund: The Window Fund is at \$2,300.00, one-thousand of which has been kindly donated by Cathy and John Berner to pay for the memorial plaques. We make interest payments of just under \$225.00 monthly to Lake Shore Savings on our Line of Credit loan. The principle remains at \$41,000.00. As window pledges build up, we will pay this down more. Payment was made to Hillside Painting in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the east window frames.
- Quarterly giving statements will be sent out soon, starting with the quarter ending in June.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The current balance is \$4,338.18. No activity has occurred since May meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Comfort Pest Control made their usual visit to spray around the building and grounds. The cost was \$125.00.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Sue reported that all is well and cards for various occasions continue to be sent out.

Outreach: Fr. Clement reported.

- The July and August outreach will support the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County. This project will help prepare students in our area for academic success by providing donations of backpacks containing school supplies. Contributions are due at Garland Hall by Sunday, August 11.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- Everyone enjoyed the marvelous T.E.C.W. picnic held at the residence of Cathy Berner on June 8.

- Tuesday, July 16, is the date for tea at the Episcopal Cottage, Chautauqua.
- There will be no meetings held during the months of July or August.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Currently, there is \$586.75 in the account. Activity since the last meeting from the previous balance of \$596.75:
 - Three deposits made totaling \$185.00.
 - One withdrawal: payment made to *Fresh and Fancy Florist* in the amount of \$195.00.

Rector’s Report:

- Fr. Clement enjoyed his time on vacation.
- The Day of Pentecost and Youth Sunday service on June 9 went very well. A wonderful Sunday for his return to town.
- The Spring 2019 Ingathering held at the parish on Sunday, May 12, raised \$206.00 for United Thank Offering. This donation has been sent to the U.T.O. Diocesan coordinator, Lynne Smith.

Old Business:

Electrical work:

- Vestry had a positive conversation about the recent lighting improvements, especially the sensor installed in the parish stair hall.

New Business:

Diocesan Seminars Report:

- Virginia Becker discussed her time at the recent diocesan training for parish treasurers and auditors. She discussed the implementation of new guidelines and procedures, especially those regarding our counters. A treasurer’s note will be included in the upcoming parish newsletter.

Window campaign:

- Vestry discussed the topic of the stained-glass window campaign. The windows have been installed, but the campaign continues. Work will begin soon on providing an update to the congregation and community.

Lake Shore Savings – Line of Credit:

- Fr. Clement consulted with vestry members about an offer made by an individual to provide Trinity Church with an interest-free loan for the sole purpose of paying the remaining principle of the Line of Credit. This person wishes to remain anonymous. Conversation ensued among vestry, especially with regard to a due date for such a loan. Members believe that a due date on such a loan should be the same time-frame as set for the payment of the Line of Credit. The person making this offer will contact an attorney in order to draft an agreement.
- Sue Torrance made a motion that vestry accept this offer with this individual to provide Trinity Church an interest-free loan to pay the principle balance remaining on the Line of Credit account, and Fr. Clement and Virginia Becker will present details of such an agreement at the July vestry meeting. We extend our gratitude for this kind gesture towards vestry and the congregation. This was seconded by Melisa Eichmann. The motion carried.

Authorized Officers – Lake Shore Savings and Merrill Lynch:

- Two separate resolutions were offered to vestry to change authorized officers with two financial institutions. See attached.
- The first resolution confirms Virginia Becker, Parish Treasurer, as an Officer on behalf of the parish with Lake Shore Savings. She replaces the former treasurer, James Ivey. Sue Torrance made a motion to accept the resolution, with a second from William Roberts. Carried.
- The second resolution confirms Virginia Becker, Parish Treasurer, and Melisa Eichmann, Warden, as Officers on behalf of the parish with Merrill Lynch. Doreen Gould made a motion to accept the resolution, with a second from Jack Torrance. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. with a motion made by William Roberts. Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by: Melisa Eichmann, Acting Clerk.

Parish Notes



One more month of lemonade and snacks following our Sunday worship! Consider signing up to host this time of fellowship for one of the four Sundays in August.

All items needed, including lemonade and water, are prepared and set-up for you before Sunday morning. Snacks are available as well, or bring your own!

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August Outreach

Fill a backpack with school supplies for the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County!



It is that time of year when we show our support for the Boys and Girls Club. Let us help prepare a young student for academic success by providing the materials they need for a new school year!

Please consider a donation of a **new or gently used backpack filled** with many of these following items:

Wipe Boards
Dry Erase Markers
Filler Paper
Index Cards
Binders – 1”
Scissors
Composition Books
Pocket Folders
Pencils and Pens
Highlighters
Erasers
Crayons
Color Pencils
Glue Sticks

Please bring your backpack and items to Garland Hall no later than **Sunday, August 11**.

THANK YOU for your continued generosity

Please note: The lighting in the parish hall stairway connecting Garland Hall with the lower-floor level is now activated by motion sensors. The lighting will turn on automatically when you enter into the hall, so no need to search for the light switch!

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Lectionary Readings in August:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, August 4

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

If you would like to keep up-to-date on events and news from around the diocese, receive the diocesan e-news, *Postings*, which is emailed to recipients on a regular basis.

Contact Michael Brown at the diocesan offices to sign up: mbrown@episcopalwny.org

Birthdays in August

7 Alberto Rey
 7 Patricia Rosing
 7 Roy Smith
 8 Stephanie Marsh
 10 Fran Gambino
 10 Linda Ingham
 10 Kelly Brown
 11 Christa Nuber
 11 Noah Smith
 15 Mary Beth Liener Chin
 16 Jeanette Adamczak
 17 Sandra Ingham Brown
 18 John K. Ingham
 21 James Clement
 21 Gretchen Wheelock-Garvey
 21 Doreen Gould
 22 Janell Mosier
 25 Russell Kyte
 26 James Wheelock
 29 Ron Sercu
 30 Sharon Wallace
 31 Allen Brown

16 Robert and Shirley Coon
 17 Lisa and Dominic Schultz
 22 Ron and Diane Sercu
 26 Sandy and Allen Brown

In Memoriam

3 Alice Sam
 8 Anita Day
 14 Fran Ritenburg
 17 Victor Jonus
 18 Rosalie Williams
 26 Mina Lee Sahle
 30 Raymond Wallace

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 Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm**

Wedding Anniversaries in August

3 Cathy and John Berner
 5 Amy and Ray Smith
 13 Chuck and Kari Pierce

Summer Service Schedule:

Sundays: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II – 9:30 am

Worship Server Schedule – August

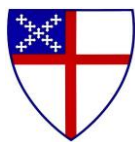
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
August 4	<u>9:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	—	Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds	John Berner Cathy Berner	Judy Reynolds
August 11	<u>9:30</u>	Diane Sercu	—	Diane Sercu	Ginny Becker	Patti Cooper	Lisa Sedlmayer
August 18	<u>9:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	—	Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds	Vicky Jakiela Jeanette Adamczak	Melisa Eichmann
August 25	<u>9:30</u>	Sally Ludlum	—	Sally Ludlum	Fred Liener	Bonnie Liener Patti Cooper	Lisa Sedlmayer

Parish Support Schedule – August

Date	Altar Guild	Lemonade Host	Counters
August 4	Janeil Rey	(open)	Cathy Berner Lucy Bryant
August 11	Diane Sercu	(open)	Ginny Becker Lucy Bryant
August 18	Judy Reynolds	(open)	Cathy Berner Melisa Eichmann
August 25	Lucy Bryant	(open)	Sue and Jack Torrance Melisa Eichmann

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Ephesians 1:2*