



Trinity Tidings

July 2019

Ordinary Time



In this month of July, we have entered into a multi-week period of the Church Year known as Proper Ordinary Time. There are two such seasons during the year, but this one is certainly the longest in length of time. Ordinary Time doesn't mean for us a designation of something ordinary, or common place.

Derived from the term *ordinal* as in "ordinary numbers", this season informs us of place or position within the calendar. The Sunday after the Day of Pentecost is the First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday). Thus, each subsequent Sunday during this particular season is numbered "after Pentecost".

During the course of the next five months, the liturgical color for the nineteen Sundays associated with Ordinary Time is the color green. Green is associated with the notions of growth and energy. We are offered a time to reflect on how we have grown in our relationship with God, as well as energized by the presence of God among us. This is not a mundane, ordinary, period of time.

The first Sunday in July will mark one year since I first joined with this congregation for worship. Having relocated from Central Illinois to Fredonia only the week before, it was a busy and exciting time. For at least a year prior to my arrival, the parish family had conducted a search process and was in a process of a major renovation of the stained-glass windows. Additional projects also took place, making the church structure a construction site for many months.



It was only days prior to the Celebration of New Ministry service last November that I sent a picture to Bishop Franklin, lightheartedly assuring him that we will be ready for his visit. It is an image of new window frames resting in the center aisle. The past year has been quite busy for us all.

This Ordinary Time invites us to recall what we have learned, thus far, while also anticipating the start of a new Church Year in December. May we be always mindful that as persons of a new covenant, we are reconciled with God by way of our faith in Jesus Christ.

As ministers of the Church, each one of us is invited to discern our own unique vocation. In a world that is continuously crying out for goodness and mercy, may we each express our vocation so as to bring about the healing presence, forgiveness, and knowledge of God within the world.

This period of Ordinary Time is also meant for rejoicing! Let us enjoy life and the summer break as we give thanks and remember that God is good – all of the time!

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Important dates in July:

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on First and Third Wednesdays of the month, July 3 and 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Fredonia Place: July 9, 2:00 p.m.; Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room.

Episcopal Cottage Tea: July 16, Chautauqua Institute. Carpools leaving church at 10 a.m.

Vestry Meeting: July 16, 6:00 p.m., Garland Hall.

A note from our new Parish Treasurer

On the first of June, I became your new treasurer. I promise to do my best to wisely and efficiently oversee our assets and records. Recently, I attended training at the Diocesan Ministry Center and became certified as a parish treasurer and auditor. New guidelines and procedures are being implemented as a result.

To assist our counters, anytime you write a check, please indicate its purpose in the memo line. All undesignated offerings will be applied to the general fund.

Soon you will receive your mid-year giving statement. Take a moment to check it over and let me know should you have any questions.

When I read the histories of what our predecessors accomplished, I sense they would be proud of our parish for maintaining our faith, preserving our building, and keeping an eye to the future. I firmly believe that we are brought together as a community of faith and love to share the gospel among ourselves and with others. May God's love continue to grow in our hearts and minds.

- Ginny Becker

Congratulations to our financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, Mr. Bill Markel.

For the second year in a row, Bill was recently recognized on the Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" 2019 list.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes May 21, 2019 As approved at the June Meeting

Present: Emily Ivey, Sr. Warden; Melisa Eichmann, Jr. Warden; Doreen Gould; Lucy Bryant; William Roberts; Virginia Becker; the Reverend James Clement, Rector; Sue Torrance, Jack Torrance, and Cathy Berner.

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 Lucy Bryant to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2019 meeting, with a second by Cathy Berner. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. A motion was by Lucy Bryant to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was received as submitted and reported.

- A revenue increase in Merrill Lynch accounts.
- Hillside Painting will soon be paid from the Building Fund.
- Due to a cold spring, utilities expense is at 48% of annual budget.
- Vestry was made aware that authorized Officers for Lake Shore Savings and Merrill Lynch will need to be changed. Vestry agreed that this matter will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The current account balance is \$4,338.18 – an increase from the last meeting due to donations given in memory of Anne Cassidy. These donations were subsequently moved to Window Fund, as designated by her family.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Vacanti Electric has begun work around the church building. All light fixtures within the church have been changed to LED lighting. While changing the light fixture located in the narthex, it was discovered that rewiring should take place in this area. This work was conducted to replace wiring that dates back to the 1920s.
- An exterior LED light fixture, with motion sensor, was installed at the parking lot entrance to Garland Hall.
- Doreen Gould mentioned that the balcony electrical outlets should be examined as well. There has been difficulty in the past when plugging in the Christmas tree and other decorations. Vacanti Electric will be contacted about this issue.
- During their inspection, DFT Communications replaced two smoke detectors located downstairs in the parish hall. Nearing the end of their lifespan, the old smoke detectors were at least 20 years old. Replacement was conducted at an expense of \$300.00.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Sue reported that all is well and that cards continue to be sent.

Outreach: Emily Ivey reported.

- Breakfast items continue to be collected during the months of May and June for the Food Pantry.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- Slightly over \$1300.00 was raised from the Spring Rummage Sale held earlier this month.
- Saturday, June 8, is the date for the T.E.C.W. Potluck Picnic. This event will be held at the home of Cathy Berner.
- 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 \$596.75 in the account. Activity since the last meeting from the previous balance of \$1260.56:

- Two deposits were made totaling \$91.00.
- Three withdrawals: two checks written in the amounts of \$393.50 and \$313.00, both for Easter flowers. A third check in the amount of \$48.31 was payment for fern plantings located at the Garland Hall entrance.

Rector's Report:

- Fr. Clement contacted our agent-representative with Church Insurance Company. He made an inquiry on behalf of the parish now that the stained-glass windows and new frames have been installed. After providing this information to Church Insurance, Fr. Clement was informed that no policy change is needed and we continue with full coverage.
- Virginia Becker will attend two seminars held during the first weekend of June. These are conducted by the Diocese for parish treasurers and auditors.
- The fire extinguishers located throughout the church and parish hall have been inspected for 2019.
- The thermostat temperature to regulate heating in the church has been lowered. The heating system will be shut-down when Fr. Clement returns from vacation.
- A reminder that we begin the Sunday Summer worship schedule on June 16: one service at 9:30 a.m.

Old Business:

Stained-glass Nave Windows: Emily Ivey reported.

- After committee discussion and approval, memorial plates for the windows in the church have been ordered and are now completed. This work was done by South Paw Printing. The total expense for this work will be under \$1,000.00. There are eleven plates for the windows, each costing \$20.00. The general donor plaque will cost approximately \$680.00.

New Business:

Appointment of Parish Treasurer:

- Jack Torrance moved that Virginia Becker be appointed as Parish Treasurer by the

Vestry of Trinity Church, effective on Saturday, June 1, 2019. This was seconded by William Roberts. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. with a motion made by Doreen Gould.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Emily Ivey, Acting Clerk.

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Parish Notes

Spring 2019 United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. The U.T.O. Ingathering invites us to give thanks for our many blessings by providing a tangible gift – by making an offering of ourselves which is given to the work that alters the course of another person's life.

This ministry is entrusted to receive the offerings, and distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Held on Sunday, May 12, Trinity's Spring 2019 UTO Ingathering collected a total contribution of \$206.00 for this ministry. Thank you!

U.T.O. awarded this year 33 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

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Memorial Stained-glass Windows

This month's article concludes the series about the individuals for whom the church windows in the nave were dedicated when first installed in 1925. This biographical information is provided to us by Lisa Sedlmayer.

The East Window – South Side: This window, in memory of "John Henry Clark and Mary Morgan Clark" depicts scenes of *Descent from the Cross*, *The Resurrection*, *The Road to Emmaus*, and *The Ascension*.

John Henry Clark and Mary M. Morgan Clark

John Henry Clark was born July 7, 1842 in Chautauqua County, New York, the son of Harmanus C. and Mehitable Buckland Clark. Mary M. Morgan Clark was born March 25, 1841 in Winfield, Herkimer County, New York, the daughter of Theron T. and Harriet Keith Morgan. They married on March 21, 1866 in Winfield, N.Y. They had two sons, Theron Clark (1867-1922) and Henry Clark (1869-1929).

Around 1865, John Henry Clark embarked in the dry goods business in partnership with W. D. Archbold and George W. Marsh. When Mr. Archbold retired, the firm was called Clark & Marsh. In 1887, J. Henry Clark entered into a partnership with Z. Elmer Wheelock to form a nursery firm on Spring Street. In 1907, he suffered a stroke, requiring full time care beginning in 1914. No man stood higher among the business men of Fredonia than J. Henry Clark. He was remarkably correct in his methods and perfect in his integrity. He never sought office but he was for a time Town Clerk and for twenty years, a Vestry member of Trinity Church. J. Henry Clark died on March 19, 1916, just before his 50th wedding anniversary.

Mary Morgan Clark resided in Fredonia for 56 years and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Dunkirk and Fredonia. She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She had an active interest in the affairs of the Home for Aged Women ever since it was established and was vice president of the Board of Managers from many years. Mary M. Clark died on February 8, 1924 at her home, 70 East Main Street, Fredonia.



Best wishes to Diego Rey, member of the Class of 2019 at Fredonia High School. This Fall, he will attend Middlebury College in Vermont to begin work toward a degree in Environmental Studies.

Congratulations Diego!!

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July and 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!**

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Trinity Episcopal Church Women

We will once again be the Hostesses for the weekly Episcopal Cottage Tea on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution on Tuesday, July 16th.

Those interested in participating should sign up on the sheet in Garland Hall. You will need to indicate what you are bringing for the tea-sandwiches or Cookies and what kind. Specific details are on the sign-up sheet.

Our participation allows us free access to the grounds (not into the amphitheater – but you can

stand outside and easily hear the morning lecture) and parking on the grounds.

If you are not able to attend but are willing to make a goodie there's a spot for that on the sign-up sheet. Also, indicate if you are willing to be a driver.

It is always a delightful day, strolling around, lunch on our own and meeting the folks who come in for the tea. We leave the church parking lot at 10 and return around 4-4:30. We have gained a reputation for a great tea spread by folks who visit many of the denominational houses, so please consider being part of this wonderful day.

There will be No August Meeting. The September meeting will be Sept 7th at Garland Hall at 10AM.

Keep saving those quarters.

– Doreen Gould

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Lectionary Readings in July:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, July 7

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-8

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25: 1-9

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13



The Day of Pentecost and Youth Sunday 2019

Many thanks to the youth of our parish family for participation in the liturgy and singing on Youth Sunday. A job well done! And a big thank you to the teachers and volunteers of our Sunday School Program this past year!

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The Collect for Independence Day July 4

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 242

Just a reminder: if anyone wishes to borrow church furnishings or liturgical items, please speak with the warden and me. This will enable us to have an accounting of items not on church premises.

Thank you, Fr. Clement

Birthdays in July

- 2 Jack Torrance
- 4 Frank Pullano
- 5 Ryan Yerico
- 6 Patti Cooper
- 7 Robert Maytum, Jr.
- 7 Larry Harris
- 7 Tommy Kramer
- 9 Jennifer Caroselli
- 10 Rebecca Sedlmayer
- 12 Joseph Hermanck
- 13 Chris Eichmann
- 15 Kathryn McCloskey
- 16 Peggy Marsh Begier
- 21 Elizabeth Smith
- 22 Shawn Kinney
- 23 Sally J. Ludlum
- 23 Dean Shaw
- 24 Julie Maytum
- 26 Joel Hudson
- 30 Dave Sherman

Wedding Anniversaries in July

- 10 Jan and John Ingham
- 14 Cindy and Bob McCloskey
- 31 Lee and Maureen Blackburn

In Memoriam

- 2 Helene Babcock
- 2 Marion Sonnenfield
- 7 Robert Smith
- 14 Susan Roberts

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**Parish Office Hours: Monday: office closed
Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm**

Summer Service Schedule:

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Independence Day

Worship Server Schedule – July

| Date | Time | Crucifer | Acolyte | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Usher/Greeter | Intercessor |
|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| July 7 | <u>9:30</u> | Sally Ludlum | — | Sally Ludlum | Fr. Clement | Cathy Berner Patti Cooper | Lisa Sedlmayer |
| July 14 | <u>9:30</u> | Diane Sercu | — | Diane Sercu | Salli Silliman | (open) | Lisa Sedlmayer |
| July 21 | <u>9:30</u> | Sally Ludlum | — | Sally Ludlum | Ginny Becker | Vicky Jakiela Jeanette Adamczak | Lisa Sedlmayer |
| July 28 | <u>9:30</u> | Lucy Bryant | — | Lucy Bryant | Ginny Becker | Fred Liener Bonnie Liener | Melisa Eichmann |

Parish Support Schedule – July

| Date | Altar Guild | Lemonade Host | Counters |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| July 7 | Fr. Clement | (open) | Ginny Becker Cathy Berner |
| July 14 | Diane Sercu | (open) | Sue and Jack Torrance Lucy Bryant |
| July 21 | Jeanette Adamczak | (open) | Ginny Becker Bill Roberts |
| July 28 | Judy Reynolds | (open) | Melisa Eichmann Lucy Bryant |

Happy Independence Day!



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Ephesians 1:2*