



Trinity Tidings

September 2019

Fall Christian Education Program

The month of September ushers in our Fall Program at Trinity Church. On Sunday, September 8, we return to a two-service worship schedule: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We also commence the Fall Christian Education Program.

Adult Christian Education

Everyone is invited to attend the adult class held in Garland Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8. During the course of six consecutive Sundays, we will gather to take part in a video-conversation curriculum by Adam Hamilton titled, *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Servant*.

Filmed on location in Israel and Italy, Hamilton shows key sites in the life of Simon Peter so that we may discover this life of an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.

Simon Peter was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

I invite you to join with me during this series as Hamilton takes us on a journey of the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. The weekly presentations are:

Sept. 8: *The Call of the Fisherman*

Sept. 15: *Walking with Jesus in the Storms*

Sept. 22: *Bedrock or Stumbling Block?*

Sept. 29: *"I Will Not Deny You"*

Oct. 6: *From Cowardice to Courage*

Oct. 13: *The Rest of the Story*

Children and Youth Education

Sunday School will start at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, in the main classroom. Beginning with a chapel service, Sunday School then moves into age groups. The Children's program will participate in *Godly Play* lessons with Janeil Rey. The youth group will take part in the *Faith Weaver* curriculum with Audrey Parker.

New Parish Website and Staff Email

Our work to design a new parish website with the great team at *Future Buffalo Web Design* has concluded. In mid-August the new site went "live" online. This new site includes a new domain name and two new contact emails, which are now in effect for parish staff – one for the office and one for me. Please take note of these email changes.

If you have not done so already, I hope you will take a look at the new site and enjoy visiting its various pages. As it is a stand-alone site, we are continuing our relationship with *Future Buffalo* for its hosting and maintenance. This new information is listed below.

Parish website: www.trinitychurchwny.org

Email for Rector, Fr. Jim:

rector@trinitychurchwny.org

Email for Ministries Support, Jeanette:

office@trinitychurchwny.org

I look forward to our gathering together on Sunday, September 8, for worship, fellowship, and the return of the Chancel Choir. See you there!

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Important dates in September:

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7, Garland Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month, Sept. 4 and 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8 – 8:00 am and 10:30 am: commencement of Fall worship schedule and Christian Education classes.

Zumba Class: Mondays and Wednesdays, Garland Hall, 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Fredonia Place: Sept. 10, 2:00 p.m.; Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room.

Vestry Meeting: Sept. 17, 6:00 p.m., Garland Hall.

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New Staff Structure: A Letter from Bishop Sean.

August 12, 2019

Dear Friends:

In the four months since we celebrated the beginning of our partnership with a festive Eucharist at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, the leaders and staff of both of our dioceses have been working hard with me to lay the groundwork for strong and productive collaboration. Today I want to update you on our progress and invite you to participate in developing the mission strategy that will guide our work together beginning in 2020. First, I am pleased to say that our staff team is now in place. Beginning this month, the bishop's staff includes:

Canon to the Ordinary the Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims: Cathy, formerly canon for connections in Western New York, will oversee congregational development, clergy transitions, and diocesan ministries including Christian formation; children, youth and young adults; and outreach. Reporting to Cathy will be:

- The Rev. Martha Ishman, Canon for Transitions (part-time)
- The Rev. Al Johnson, congregational development consultant (contract)

- Wendy Schumacher, Missioner for Youth and Children (part-time)

Canon for Administration Vanessa Butler:

Vanessa, who has been canon for administration in Northwestern Pennsylvania, will oversee administration, governance, and operational issues and will serve as my executive assistant. Reporting to Vanessa will be:

- Megin Sewak, Missioner for Communication & Development (full-time)
- Michael Brown, Missioner for Administration (full-time)
- The Rev. Joann Piatko, Assistant for Ordinations (part-time, non-stipendiary)

Canon for Finance Cindy Dougan: Cindy, who has been canon for finance in Northwestern Pennsylvania, will oversee the finances and budgets of both dioceses. Working with Cindy will be Maria Manocchio, Missioner for Finance (full-time). Maria will oversee the work of George Czapko, sexton in the New York office.

Canon for Strategic Change the Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley: Ruth, who is new to both of our dioceses, joins us half-time for an initial period of two years to assist us with planning and implementing a mission strategy that can encompass our entire region. Ruth, who also serves as senior vice president for strategic change with the Episcopal Church Building Fund, has been canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Colorado, a parish priest, and a consultant to several dioceses in the area of strategic change. She brings abundant experience to our partnership.

Director for Integration Danielle Dolin-Bane, Ed.D.: Danielle, a leadership consultant with expertise in measuring, evaluating, and integrating staff cultures, will work on a contractual basis with staff in both the Pennsylvania and New York offices to coordinate workflow, goals and objectives, and workplace culture.

Assisting me and the rest of the staff will be Howard Gondree, financial consultant; Ellen Fowler, a consultant and coach in leadership and change management; and Canticle Communications.

You can find contact information for each of these staff members on the [Western New York website](#) and the [Northwestern Pennsylvania website](#).

In this new staff structure, we have eliminated the part-time position of website and social media manager in the Diocese of Western New York. I am grateful to Elisabeth Brauza-Hughes, who has held that position, and ask that you join me in praying for her in this time of transition. Day-to-day communications responsibilities will transition to Megin Sewak between now and October.

Please also wish a happy second retirement to Lorraine Hapeman, who graciously returned to the office last year to assist Bishop Bill at the end of his episcopacy. We are eliminating the position of executive assistant to the bishop; Vanessa Butler will continue to serve that role for me.

Communications

As you know if you participated in the recent online communications survey, we are actively working on a new communications plan for both dioceses that will include a new website, weekly newsletters, social media, and more resources for congregational communications ministry. We expect to launch this new communications plan, including a new website, at our diocesan convention in October. If you have questions or comments, please email [Rebecca Wilson](mailto:Rebecca.Wilson@CanticleCommunications.org) at Canticle Communications.

Mission Strategy Planning

At [pre-convention meetings this fall](#), at convention, and at regional meetings in November and December, we will spend time together developing a new strategy for our common mission. Together, we will come together as one church to discern goals that can energize congregations across our region and provide us with new opportunities to experiment for the sake of the Gospel and the people of God in our communities.

As you may remember, last October, [I spoke about the way](#) that I hope our collaboration on this new strategy will build the body of Christ and fire our imaginations what might be possible in our region. The 2020 budgets that will be presented at convention will allocate funds for new mission in our congregations and communities, and the plan we will develop together will guide our investment of those funds.

I hope that all of you will participate in one or more of the mission strategy meetings, and in particular, that you will all attend convention on October 25 and 26 in Erie and encourage the people of your congregations to do the same. Our work there will be energetic and participatory, and our hope is that

people from all parts of our dioceses will take part in this work that is so critical to our future. Please watch for more information about upcoming meetings and convention in your diocesan newsletter.

As I said last October, God has called us to a new adventure, and we are headed into uncharted territory. I am grateful to be on this journey with you, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Faithfully,



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe
Bishop of Western New York and Northwestern
Pennsylvania

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 16, 2019
As approved at the August Meeting

Present: Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Sue Torrance; Jack Torrance; Cathy Berner; Lucy Bryant; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Doreen Gould and William Roberts.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 May 21, 2019 meeting, with a second by Cathy Berner. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

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

- The current balance of the General Fund is \$20,847.00.
- Investments: In June, the 3.3% loss in May was recovered with earnings of 4.2%. Our

six-month earnings are at 11.53%, adding over \$70,000 in the Merrill Lynch accounts.

- Monthly interest payments of approximately \$225.00 is paid towards the Line of Credit, Lake Shore Savings account. The balance of the window fund was \$3,685.00 at the end of June, with \$1,000.00 designated for memorial plaque expense.
- Mid-year giving reports were mailed on the first of July. The practice of sending quarterly reports will continue.
- Counter training is going well.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- No activity has occurred since June meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Chadwick Bay Property Management will clean all hard-surface floors in the parish hall building on Wednesday, August 14. This group stripped and waxed the floors last year, which was conducted over a period of several days. Andy Woloszyn, owner, recommended a scrub-clean and buff only for this year, which will take only one day. The job estimate is \$260.00.
- The inspector with the Village of Fredonia made his annual building inspection visit on Friday, July 12.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Sue shared with vestry a note she received from Frank Pullano of Rock Hill, South Carolina. His note thanked Sue for the birthday card sent to him on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Pullano and his wife, Sallie, are former parishioners.

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: No report.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Currently, there is \$486.75 in the account. Activity since the last meeting from the previous balance of \$586.75:
 - A check written to *Fresh and Fancy Florist* in the amount of \$100.00.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- The job description of Parish Secretary, currently held by Jeanette Adamczak, will change in July. The emphasis for this change is to provide more support for the various ministries of the parish. The job title now changed to Ministries Support, she will work with our guilds and committees.
- Diane Sercu is the new Outreach Coordinator. She has many outreach connections within the local community. Diane also supports the vision of having the youth participate more in the greater mission of the parish.
- Fr. Clement made a brief presentation to vestry on the work being conducted with the new parish website. Having worked with *Future Buffalo Web Design* during the past few weeks, he showed vestry the first visual component for a new web layout. The process of establishing a completed site will take several weeks more. Vestry enjoyed the presentation and affirmed the move forward with this work.

Old Business:

Loan to Trinity Parish: Virginia Becker reported.

- As directed at the June meeting, Virginia Becker provided details of an agreement between vestry and an individual offering Trinity Church an interest-free loan. The purpose of this loan is to enable the parish to pay off remaining principle on the Line of Credit account. This individual has been in contact with an attorney to draft an agreement with the parish.
- Virginia Becker moved to accept a Resolution for Single Payment Note. Trinity Church commits to payment of an interest-free loan in the amount of \$41,000.00 by April 2021. This resolution directs that Fr. Clement and Melisa Eichmann sign this agreement on behalf of the parish. This was seconded by Jack Torrance. Carried. See attached.

New Business:

Garland Hall Art Gallery: Lucy Bryant reported.

- At the April meeting, vestry tabled the issue of guidelines for art work located in Garland Hall. Lucy Bryant asked that this issue to be discussed at the August meeting, which vestry agreed. She will provide a draft work of criteria to vestry for discussion at the next meeting.

Parish Auditor Committee: Virginia Becker reported.

- In accordance with the guidelines of the diocese, the audit committee is being assembled for the annual parish audit. This audit will take place before the end of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. with a motion made by Jack Torrance. Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the residence of Cathy Berner. Respectfully Submitted by: Melisa Eichmann, Acting Clerk.

www.TrinityChurchWNY.org

Our new parish website and domain name is now 'live' online. Check it out!



**Trinity
Episcopal Church
Welcomes You!
Barker Commons,
Fredonia**

We welcome SUNY-Fredonia students, faculty, and staff as you begin a new academic year.

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Parish Notes

Fall Worship Schedule

On Sunday, September 8, we will begin the Fall Worship Schedule:
Two Sunday services – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Garland Hall Gallery

**Attention! Art Lovers and creators!
Please bring LANDSCAPES by Sept. 21st
Fall landscapes would be lovely.
Garland Hall will be scenic. Thank you!**



**Commissioning of
Sunday School Teachers**

Sunday, September 8, during the
10:30 a.m. service.

A Letter of Thanks

To Fr. Jim and all other officers, to parish staff, and to the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church:

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and messages of all on behalf of G. David Sherman over the last two years.

Please remember the next time someone needs prayers for whatever reason, it could be you.

*Very respectfully,
G. David Sherman*

September Outreach

Lakeshore Humane Society

Wish List:

- Clean, used blankets (no sheets)
- Towels (old, clean terrycloth)
- Bleach!
- Dog and Cat beds (small)
- Dog and Cat toys
- Tidycat scoopable litter – in great need!
- High Efficiency Laundry detergent
- OdoBan spray cleaner/disinfectant

**THANK YOU for your
continued generosity!**

Trinity Episcopal Church Women

MARK your calendars – the first meeting of the fall will be **Saturday September 7th, in Garland Hall, at 9:30 a.m. (note time please)**

Please look at your October calendars before the meeting so we can plan the rummage sale. Hope to see many of the women there.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Tea at the Episcopal House in Chautauqua Institute on July 16th such a success. I am especially grateful to our hostesses, Bonnie Liener, Linda Ingham and Lisa Sedlmayer.

We have gotten a reputation for a great tea so many on the grounds look forward to when it is our turn. Thank you bakers and sandwich (Southern Sushi) makers.

Keep boxing up all that extra stuff you discovered over the summer that you don't need any more that has been earmarked for this fall Rummage Sale.

Only a few more weeks before it is out of your way. Remember to wipe off items that may have been sitting around for a while and gotten dirty. If you don't want to touch it others won't either!!!

Keep putting those quarters away for the Christmas Stocking Savings project – only a few more months to go. You should have put 8 in during the month of August and this month is 9.

– Doreen Gould

Lectionary Readings for September: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, September 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17
Sirach 10:12-18
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, September 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-11
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Birthdays in September

- 2 Nichole Boyda
- 3 Veronica Wheelock
- 4 Heather (Gould) Martin
- 5 Nash Delcamp
- 7 Doug Erick
- 7 Hannah Rexford
- 14 Lucille Bryant
- 17 Meredith Wheelock
- 17 Ethan Cooper
- 21 Janet Ingham
- 22 Paul Graves, Jr.
- 22 Matt Swank
- 23 John Robert Swank
- 23 John Robert Ingham

- 23 Michael Wedge
- 25 Bill Raines
- 27 Mitchell Nuber
- 28 Ryan Kinney
- 28 Bridget Russell
- 30 Marlene Raines

- 11 Dina Boyda
- 12 Arlene Maytum
- 13 Dana W. Wheelock
- 18 Les Wienk
- 20 Joshua Mosier
- 26 Dana M. Wheelock
- 29 Michael Scanzano

Wedding Anniversaries in September

- 2 Perry and Donna Reininga
- 3 Kerri Vercant and Bill Underhill
- 18 Byron and Abby Rexford
- 30 Jack and Sue Torrance
- 30 Nash and Lucille Delcamp

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In Memoriam

- 5 John V. Ingham
- 11 Alfred Vercant

Parish Office Hours: Monday: office closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Worship Server Schedule – September

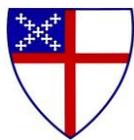
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Sept. 1	9:30	Sally Ludlum	—	Sally Ludlum	Fr. Clement	n/a	Lisa Sedlmayer
Sept. 8	8:00	—	—	—	Ginny Becker	—	—
	10:30	Lucy Bryant	—	Diane Sercu	Fred Liener	Bonnie Liener Patti Cooper	Judy Reynolds
Sept. 15	10:30	Lucy Bryant	—	Doreen Gould	Judy Reynolds	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Karin Wheelock
Sept. 22	8:00	—	—	—	Ginny Becker	—	—
	10:30	Lisa Schultz	—	Lucy Bryant	Fred Liener	John Berner Cathy Berner	Lisa Sedlmayer
Sept. 29	10:30	Diane Sercu	—	Sally Ludlum	Judy Reynolds	Patti Cooper	Melisa Eichmann

Parish Support Schedule – September

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Sept. 1	Bonnie Liener Linda Ingham	(open)	Doreen Gould Lucy Bryant
Sept. 8	Bonnie Liener Linda Ingham	(open)	Bill Roberts Doreen Gould
Sept. 15	Bonnie Liener Linda Ingham	(open)	Doreen Gould (open)
Sept. 22	Bonnie Liener Linda Ingham	(open)	Lucy Bryant Cathy Berner
Sept. 29	Bonnie Liener Linda Ingham	(open)	Melisa Eichmann (open)

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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*