



Trinity Tidings

January 2020

Epiphany: God appearing and the New Year



O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face.

These words of the Collect for the feast day of The Epiphany (January 6) reminds us that our journey of faith is ongoing, still in progress as we yearn for such a time when we may see the glory of God “face to face”.

We have begun a new liturgical journey, wherein we build upon the foundation blocks of faith previously set in our relationship with God and one another.

For some of us, the joyous expectation we felt during the Advent season may have culminated with our celebration during Christmastide. Yet, Epiphany reminds us that we are to rejoice – rejoice, always – and with hope, as we move forward in life.

From the Greek word for *manifestation* or *appearing*, Epiphany recalls for us a fact that humanity has been changed forever by the birth of Jesus. A relational presence with God will forever exist by way of Jesus.

In our celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, we also acknowledge the notion that no matter how long we may have been on our journey of faith, of building this relationship, there will always be something new for us to discover. On such a journey as this, abundant discoveries will be revealed to us.

During the past centuries our focus on the Epiphany has been primarily on the narrative of the Magi. The early Church, however, observed a combined commemoration of three events in Jesus’ life, all of which are thought of as manifestations of the incarnate Lord: the visit of the Magi; the Baptism of Jesus; and Jesus’ first recorded miracle at the marriage of Cana. Once more, abundant discoveries.

I invite you to join with me in this new year and set ourselves upon a path of a renewed relationship with God. Rejoice, because the Light of the World is present with us. And as people of God, may we recognize a renewed call to us.

Peace, Fr. Jim

Important dates in January:

E.C.W Meeting: Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m., Garland Hall. Trinity Episcopal Church Women.

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Fredonia Place: Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room; Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting and Luncheon: Sunday, Jan. 26, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. **No 8:00 a.m. service scheduled.**

Diocesan News

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESES OF

Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania

Emmaus Gatherings Draw More Than 225 Participants

December 11, 2019

More than 225 people from across the region participated in the Emmaus Gatherings, a series of five meetings designed to invite participation in the development of the partnership's mission strategy.

"This was amazing," said Cheryl Wild of Epiphany, Grove City, and Memorial Church of Our Father, Foxburg. "I felt connected with people because we were actually working toward some goals — mutual goals — that we could maybe implement in our own churches and the dioceses in general. And it's actual work, not just pie in the sky or airy fairy stuff — it's solid ideas and solid ways we can implement these things."

Participants in the gatherings received their charge from Bishop Sean and began their work by reflecting on the Road to Emmaus passage from Luke on which he [preached at diocesan convention in October](#). Table group facilitators led discussions designed to generate innovative ideas about mission opportunities across the region. Participants used colored adhesive dots to show support for their favorite suggestions.

"All of us who gathered embodied Advent hope for the future of our partnership and our longing to contribute to God's mission in our region," said the Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, canon for strategic change on the bishop's staff, who led the group that designed the meeting and served as facilitator. "Together, we listened for God's vision for us and for our region."

To the Rev. Luke Fodor, rector of St. Luke's, Jamestown, which hosted the first gathering, the meetings were an early indication that the partnership's potential can be realized.

"One of the strongest points to justify the partnership of our two dioceses was the opportunity to refresh our mindsets and conversations by finding new conversation partners

with the intent of better coordinating and expanding our missional outreach," he said. "As I met new colleagues in ministry through serious and joyful conversation, I can say that Jesus was present with us and more importantly, that he is the Word that is guiding our conversation and future action."

This month, the standing committees and councils of both dioceses will authorize a mission strategy planning committee to receive the ideas generated at the Emmaus Gatherings, said Bishop Sean. The committee, which will report regularly to the people of the partnership, will be charged with developing a plan for increasing the partnership's capacity for mission across the region.

"We are seeking to turn our highest aspirations and deepest convictions about ministry into gospel objectives and goals," Bishop Sean said. "Our agenda is to transform our communities for the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

November 19, 2019

As approved at the December Meeting

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

Excused:

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 October 15, 2019 meeting, with a second by Cathy Berner. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

A motion was by Lucille Bryant to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report

was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- Investments increased in October by 1.58%.
- No-Interest Single Payment Loan – Window Fund: an additional payment was made on this loan in the amount of \$12,000. The remaining balance is \$16,000. Statements for the window campaign will be sent by the end of the year.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The current balance is \$4,266.28, with no change since the October meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Comfort Pest Control contacted the parish to confirm continuing needs for the upcoming year.
- Fr. Clement contacted A.W. Farrell Roofing, Dunkirk, about the water leakage in the tower roof. After inspection, cracking of the existing roofing material was discovered and the work of temporary roof patching was done.
- Fr. Clement will contact Gugino Plumbing, Fredonia, for an estimate to replace the dehumidifier in the undercroft.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- New cards have been ordered for the new year.
- Note cards have been addressed for events during January.

Outreach: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement took the November ‘red wagon’ donations to the Fredonia Food Pantry. While there, he met with volunteers and clients to learn more about this outreach in the community.
- We have partnered with a local school to help a family have a wonderful Christmas. Donations are accepted until Tuesday, December 17. Sunday School will shop for and wrap the gifts.
- Mitten Tree will be placed in Garland Hall before the First Sunday of Advent. Donations accepted until Sunday, December 15.
- The collection of items for the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital will be extended

through January. Donations for the hospital are not necessarily for the holiday season, but for general all-year needs.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- Meeting will take place on Saturday, November. 23.
- Annual Plated Cookie Sale will be held on Friday, December 13.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Currently, there is a balance of \$572.75 in the account. Activity since last meeting:
- Two deposits made.
 - Payment to *Fresh and Fancy Florist* in the amount of \$240.00.

Rector’s Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- All went well while attending Diocesan Convention in Erie, Pennsylvania, with parish delegates.
- Attended the October Diocesan Council meeting in North Tonawanda.
- Attended a worship service at St. John, Dunkirk, with Bishop Sean Rowe present.
- Attended a special event dinner at Fredonia Place Community.
- The parish recently hosted a Fall Recital in the church.
- The Zumba Group rental of Garland Hall continues with no issues. Probationary status of rental agreement has ended.
- Dr. Ji Hyun Woo and Dr. Sarah Hamilton will play an Advent recital in the church on Sunday, December 22, at 2:00 p.m.
- Jeanette Adamczak has resigned her position on parish staff, effective mid-December. She has accepted a new position elsewhere, which will be of great benefit for her.
- Recommendation to vestry to attend one of the Emmaus Gatherings being held around the diocese, which begin December 4.

Old Business:

- Heritage Pipe Organs: as requested by vestry at the October meeting, the proposed contract was received and reviewed. Sue Torrance made a motion, seconded by Cathy Berner, to approve this

contract with Heritage Pipe Organs. The motion carried.

- As noted in the Buildings and Grounds Report, A.W. Farrell Roofing placed a patch onto the tower roof structure. A proposal will be sent for the work of replacing the tower roof section, which will need to be done during warmer weather.
- Stewardship Committee – Proposed 2020 Budget: The Parish Treasurer provided vestry with a proposed budget for the upcoming year, based on the number of pledges received by Stewardship Sunday, November 17, and other revenue. Discussion took place about the proposed budget as vestry prepares to approve a proposed operating budget at the December meeting. Households that have not responded to the Stewardship Committee letter sent in October will be contacted.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with a motion made by Lucille Bryant. Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by: Melisa Eichmann,
Acting Clerk.

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Parish Notes

Parish Election Nominees

Vestry approved a slate of candidates for the election during our Annual Meeting to Vestry and Diocesan Convention.

Janeil Rey and Karin Wheelock will each stand as a candidate for a full term open on the vestry.

Ginny Becker, Cathy Berner, and Lisa Sedlmayer will each stand as a candidate to serve as parish representatives at Diocesan Convention. Please make note of the Annual Meeting below.



Fredonia Food Pantry

Don't forget that dry food donations are accepted at any time for our local food pantry. Place your gift in the red wagon located at the back of the church. Sunday School will present the collection as an offering on the second Sunday, which is given to the Pantry each month. Thank you for your continued support!

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 2020

Save this Date!

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Following the 10:30 worship service

There will be one worship service on this particular Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

no 8:00 a.m. service.

The parish family will gather in Garland Hall after the service for a potluck luncheon.

A sign-up sheet is in Garland Hall. The annual meeting will follow.

See you there!

Committee reports are due to the Parish Office by Sunday, January 12.

Parish Outreach

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Thank you! The Mitten Tree produced many warm gifts for persons to use during the winter season. We collected 26 hats, 25 scarves, 48 pairs of gloves, and 4 earmuffs for the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry!

And, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas fund for a local family with children. Nearly \$500 was raised to purchase gifts and offer to them a festive season. Thank you, again!

Please note: Fr. Clement will not be present on Sundays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. The Revd. Paul Mertzlufft, will be celebrant and preach for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on each of these Sundays.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women

So much gratitude for everyone who baked (if you missed the opportunity this year we'd love to have more bakers next year!) who bought, who encouraged others to purchase, who helped with the sorting, setting up and all important quality control and clean-up of the December Christmas Cookie Sale - we broke our record with \$1,243.05 raised.

If you haven't yet turned in your Christmas Stocking savings project container please do so ASAP. Remember this project can be done by anyone in the parish, men, children....so get started for 2020.

January 4, 9:30am in Garland Hall will be the first meeting of 2020 - please put it on your calendar and join us.

Many thanks to Judy Reynolds for once again sharing your incredibly decorated home for our holiday gathering. It was a delightful evening of food and sharing each other's company.

– Doreen Gould

Lectionary Readings for Sundays in January: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Jan. 5

Second Sunday after Christmas

Jerimiah 31:7-14

Psalms 84

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday, Jan. 12

First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 19

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Sunday, Jan. 26

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Birthdays in January

- 1 Patricia Arnold
- 2 Diego Rey
- 5 Melisa Eichmann
- 5 Bryon Rexford
- 5 Chloe Chin
- 6 Andrew Liener
- 6 Kaylee Adamczak
- 12 Phillip McMullen
- 16 Autumn Wright
- 16 Maxine Hovencamp
- 17 Diane Sercu
- 17 Jacqueline Branch
- 18 Tessa Chin
- 20 Mary Lou Vercant
- 20 John Berner
- 21 Sean Hudson

- 21 Ginny Becker
- 25 Dorothy Ivey
- 26 Nancy Jacobi
- 27 Leah Mosier
- 29 John Swank

Parish Clergy and Staff
 The Revd. James Clement, *Rector*
rector@trinitychurchwny.org
 Ji Hyun Woo, *Organist*
 Phillip McMullen, *Choirmaster*
 Sara Jagoda, *Sexton*

Wedding Anniversaries

(none in January)

In Memoriam

- 9 David Vercant
- 15 Mary Repert
- 16 Jean Lucille Forster
- 16 Dan Gawron
- 17 Alan Knowles
- 17 Shirley Albaugh
- 21 Ione Reiff
- 21 Sam Mancuso
- 21 Gladys Wienk
- 27 Joe Cerrito
- 29 Patricia Wheelock

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

The Vestry of the Parish
 William Roberts, Sr. Warden
 Melisa Eichmann, Jr. Warden
 Cathleen Berner
 Lucille Bryant
 Doreen Gould
 Sue Torrance
 Jack Torrance
 Virginia Becker, Treasurer

Sunday School: Janeil Rey and Audrey Parker

Outreach: Diane Sercu

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould

Sunshine Group: Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

Prayer Chain: Mary Lou Sherman

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Ann Sullivan

Altar Guild: Jeanette Adamczak

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann



TECW Christmas Gathering at the home of Judy Reynolds 2019

Worship Server Schedule – January

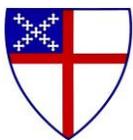
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Jan. 5	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	n/a	Sally Ludlum	Doreen Gould	Dominic Schultz Patti Cooper	Lisa Sedlmayer
Jan. 12	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	n/a	Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds	Vicki Jakiela Jeanette Adamczak	Judy Reynolds
Jan. 19	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	n/a	Sally Ludlum	Judy Reynolds	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Lisa Sedlmayer
Jan. 26	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	n/a	Lucy Bryant	Lisa Schultz	(open)	Melisa Eichmann

Parish Support Schedule – January

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Jan. 5	Maureen Blackburn	(open)	Doreen Gould Melisa Eichmann
Jan. 12	Judy Reynolds	(open)	Bill Roberts Lucy Bryant
Jan. 19	Lisa Schultz	(open)	Sue and Jack Torrance
Jan. 26	Janeil Rey	Annual Meeting	Lucy Bryant Doreen Gould

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Ephesians 1:2