



# Trinity Tidings

# September 2020

## Public worship reinstated



Trinity Church will return to public, in-person, worship on **Sunday, September 13**, with two services of **Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** At the same time, all online and private

worship services currently offered will continue.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for in-person gatherings and the disinfecting of physical spaces will be followed. We are all aware of the personal standards issued by the CDC and the New York State Health Dept. with regard to COVID-19. Each one of us should use our best judgement and consider our own health condition when making a decision to attend in-person worship.

By attending in-person worship, persons attest that they are symptom free and have self-quarantined for 14 days after returning from any high infection areas determined by New York State. The names of persons attending on Sunday mornings will be recorded in order to comply with Contract Tracing guidelines.

I and Vestry discussed the topic of in-person worship during the August meeting. We are in agreement that now is the time for reinstating services in the church building. Unfortunately, this does not mean that we are able to return as matters were prior to the pandemic.

If you choose to attend Sunday services, here are some of the things you can expect:

- Morning Prayer: Rite Two (approx. 40 minutes). There is no service of Holy Communion.
- All persons will be required to wear face-coverings at all times during the service and maintain social distancing while on church property.
- Access and egress to worship is by way of the front doors of the church **only**. The parish hall building will be closed. The doors at Garland Hall will be off limits.
- Usher(s) will greet you at the front doors of the church with hand sanitizer and to seat you.
- Pews will be cordoned off in order to maintain social distancing. Persons residing in the same household may be seated together.
- There will be instrumental music at the 10:30 service. No singing will take place.
- Bulletins will be printed for use during worship. Pew racks will be empty.
- Adult and Youth Christian Education classes are suspended.
- There is no coffee hour following the service.

The foundation of our reopening effort derives from the guidelines by the Diocese, which can be found on its website: [www.episcopalpartnership.org](http://www.episcopalpartnership.org).

Regular parish office hours will remain suspended during this time of pandemic. Frequent visits to the office will continue to be made by Ginny Becker and me. Sara Jagoda continues to conduct her cleaning responsibilities during the week.

Let us continue to hold one another in prayer. Please contact me or the Wardens if you have any questions or concerns. With all good wishes,

*Blessings, Fr. Jim*

## Important dates in September:

**Sunday, Sept. 13** – 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer;  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, with instrumental music.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15** – 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting.

## Diocesan News

### Save the Date: Service of Reconciliation on November 6.

On November 6 at 7 p.m., the evening before we gather for our [joint diocesan conventions](#), the [Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination](#) will host an online Service of Reconciliation. This service, an introduction to the ongoing work that our congregations and dioceses will be doing together, is meant to bless and inspire our shared ministry of racial justice and healing.

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie will preach at the service. Mackenzie, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Laguna Beach California, is chaplain to the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church.

An active leader in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Mackenzie is a native of South Africa and a third-generation priest. He writes that he was "nurtured in the womb of freedom, the South African Anglican Church" during apartheid in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

As a preacher, singer and percussionist, Mackenzie uses his South African story and African musical influences to encourage self-expression and reconciliation. He lives near the Pacific Ocean with his wife, Angela Mackenzie, a fourth-generation southern Californian, and their three children.

Plan to join Bishop Sean and Commission leaders at the service on November 6 at 7 p.m. as we pray for our relationships with God and one another to become ever more loving, liberating and life-giving. Watch for more information coming in the fall.

The Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania will hold their annual conventions on Saturday, November 7, as a virtual gathering due to the pandemic. Our Parish delegates will gather together in Garland Hall for this special event.

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## Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes February 18, 2020

### As approved at the August Meeting

**Present:** William Roberts, Senior Warden; Sue Torrance, Junior Warden; Lucille Bryant; Doreen Gould; Jack Torrance; Karin Wheelock; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

**Excused:** Janeil Rey.

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed with opening prayer.

**The Meeting Agenda** was approved as given.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Sue Torrance to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting, with a second by Lucille Bryant. The motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** Virginia Becker reported. A motion was made by Lucille Bryant to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- Pledges are being received in a timely manner.
- A recent payment of \$5,000 was made on the no-interest loan. A balance of \$11,000 remains to be paid in full by April 2021.

**Memorial Fund Report:** Virginia Becker reported.

- The current balance is \$4,266.28, with no activity since January meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Sue Torrance reported.

- Gugino Heating and Plumbing made a service call the day of this meeting. The heat exchanger for the parish hall and offices no longer functions. The unit will be replaced as soon as possible.

**Caregivers:** Sue Torrance reported.

- All is well at this time.

**Outreach:** Fr. Clement reported.

- We are collecting children's pajamas for the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center. All sizes are needed.
- Dry food items continue to be provided for the Fredonia Food Pantry each month.

**Trinity Episcopal Church Women:** Doreen Gould reported.

- Epiphany Tea will take place on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3:00 p.m. Michele Stalwart, with *Partners in Kind*, will make a presentation.

**Flower Guild:** Fr. Clement reported for Melisa Eichmann.

- Currently, the balance is \$745.20 in the account. Activity since last meeting:
  - Two deposits made in the amount of \$150.00.
  - Payment made to *Fresh and Fancy Florists* in the amount of \$50.00.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Clement reported.

- Lenten Program and Supper: will take place each Thursday evening during the month of March. The program will begin with Holy Communion in Garland Hall at 5:30 p.m. The subject of the program series is *C. S. Lewis at the BBC Radio*.
- Three services for Ash Wednesday will be offered in the Church. Fr. Clement will participate in an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at SUNY-Fredonia as well.
- The liturgy for Sunday services during Lent will be The Holy Eucharist: Rite One.
- To be noted in the March parish newsletter, classes for First Communion and Confirmation will soon be scheduled. Both services of First Communion and Confirmation will occur in early May.

**Old Business:**

- Vestry confirmed consent on two matters:
  - The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be a fundraiser for the Fredonia Food Pantry.
  - Participants of the Masterworks Choir will use Garland Hall and the kitchen for a meal prior to Sunday evening rehearsals.

**New Business:**

- Jack Torrance made a motion, seconded by Doreen Gould, for vestry to authorize Melisa Eichmann to serve as a substitute counter for the parish. The motion carried.
- Doreen Gould discussed with vestry the resetting of the stove/oven fire-suppression system located in the parish kitchen. Instructions are located in a cabinet drawer by the stove/oven unit.
- Fr. Clement read to vestry a thank you note from Melisa Eichmann for the gifts she received at the Annual Meeting. These were given with thanksgiving for her time spent on vestry and as warden.
- Fr. Clement presented vestry the 2019 Parish Parochial Report. Vestry examined the financial and statistical information. Jack Torrance made a motion, seconded by Lucy Bryant, to approve this report. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. with a motion made by Lucy Bryant.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sue Torrance, Acting Clerk.

**ADDENDUM – August 10, 2020:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic vestry did not meet formally from March to July 2020.

On April 20, 2020: the following motion, moved by Sue Torrance, seconded by Jack Torrance, was presented to vestry for an electronic/email vote: *As an expression of this Congregation's support for First-Responders of the Village of Fredonia, this Vestry approves the disbursement in the amount of \$200 to begin a voluntary collection to establish an open-to-buy account at Lena's Restaurant. This account will allow employees of the Fredonia Fire and Police Departments to obtain food and refreshment.* The motion carried.



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

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## 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

## 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

## In Memoriam

- 5 John V. Ingham
- 11 Alfred Vercant
- 11 Dina Boyda
- 12 Arlene Maytum
- 13 Dana W. Wheelock
- 18 Les Wienk
- 20 Joshua Mosier
- 26 Dana M. Wheelock
- 29 Michael Scanzano

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**Parish Office remains closed due to COVID-19.**

## Lectionary Readings for

**September:** [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

### Sunday, September 6

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18*

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

### Sunday, September 13

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19*

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:1-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

### Sunday, September 20

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20*

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

### Sunday, September 27

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21*

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



### **Holy Cross Day** *September 14*

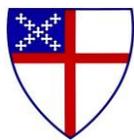
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 244*

**No Worship Server or Parish Support schedules for the month of September.**

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Ephesians 1:2*