

Trinity Tidings

March 2022

The Forty Days of Lent



We begin a season of Lent on March 2, Ash Wednesday. With this opportunity to set aside time in our busy lives for spiritual discipline, we seek to bolster our relationship with God. This time, too, is meant for us to contemplate the meaning of renewal in life, the significance of Holy Week, and our response to the coming of Eastertide. Where might each one of us need renewal in life?

The answer to this question, of course, may be challenging. Such a process as this involves a willingness to make changes in life, even changes that are quite radical. Sometimes, change is thrust upon us.

One thing we discover in the gospel narratives, clearly announced by way of Jesus' ministry, is that change is a constant factor of life. No matter how hard we may try to hold on to the way things currently are, change is all around us. But once a person sets his or her sights on a process of rebirth, they may discover the appearance of an Easter dawn.

Ash Wednesday: I invite you to begin the observance of a holy Lent by attending one of the Ash Wednesday services, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Also, for all Sunday services during Lent: the liturgy for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services will be Holy Eucharist, Rite One.

-- Peace, James+

Below is a portion of text from the Rector's Letter to the Congregation, as presented at our recent Annual Parish Meeting.

At our previous annual meeting, held by means of video-conferencing, many of us were hopeful that we would return fully to parish life by the end of the year. Alas, this did not happen, but we are moving forward. While we began 2021 with us continuing to meet and worship online, we concluded the year by having in-person gatherings once again. Even as we currently follow health guidelines, it is wonderful to have the opportunity for us to be physically present with one another as a faith community.

I and Vestry have been hard at work as we continue to examine various aspects of parish life. The renovation projects started during pandemic lockdown have now moved us into the next phase of discerning our building needs. A group or guild that no longer functions as it once had in the past will be reorganized so as to discover a redefined ministry purpose. We take this action for the renewal of parish life and with future generations in mind.

I want to make note of our former Parish Treasurer, Mr. Robert Coon, who died last month. Bob served the congregation faithfully in this role for over a decade. His vision to build a secure foundation for this parish was a labor of love and he is a good example for us to follow. We continue to benefit from his efforts, which included looking forward to the years ahead. May we also be good stewards of our many blessings and build a sure foundation for the future life and vocation of Trinity Church.

(JMC+)

Important dates in March

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II;
Godly Play Program, 10:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday: March 2.

ECW Meeting: March 5, 9:30 a.m., Garland Hall.

Vestry Meeting: March 15, 6:00 p.m., Garland Hall.

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Ash Wednesday Services March 2



10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist,
Rite II; Imposition of Ashes
(*said service*).

5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist,
Rite II; Imposition of Ashes
(*said service*).

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes January 18, 2022

As approved at the February Meeting

Present: William Roberts, Senior Warden; Lucille Bryant; Sue Torrance, Junior Warden; Jack Torrance; Karin Wheelock; Janeil Rey; Doreen Gould; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector. Sue Torrance, Junior Warden, and Jack Torrance attended via phone conferencing due to weather conditions.

Excused:

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., with an opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Janeil Rey, seconded by William Roberts.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Karin Wheelock, seconded by William Roberts, to approve the December 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

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

- **General Fund:** Bills were paid as received and payroll was met consistently throughout 2021. Faithful and timely pledge payments contributed greatly to this process.
- No cash transfer to the general fund was necessary for the end of the year or the beginning of 2022.
- **Stewardship:** Received 2022 pledges in the amount of \$110,060.
- **Line of Credit:** After a year of transition from Merrill to Snowden Lane, the process is complete. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer have signed updated documents with Lake Shore Savings. The Line of Credit terms remain the same as previously agreed upon by vestry.
- **Christmas Family:** Donations collected for this parish outreach totaled \$373.
- The Treasurer provided the '2021 Operating Budget – Support and Revenue/Expense Review' report to Vestry for discussion.
- **Music Fund:** The balance remains \$3,303.81. A check for \$150 remains outstanding.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- Current balance: \$3,067.28. A donation was received in memory of Robert Coon.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- The new area carpet for the Godly Play room has arrived.
- Fr. Clement left a message with A. W. Farrell roofing for a status update since their visit to inspect the roof.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries

Parish Outreach: Karin Wheelock reported.

- February outreach is the collecting of pajamas for children with the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center.

Sunday School: Godly Play: Janeil Rey reported.

- Participation remains limited at this time due to Covid-19.
- Newly donated items for the curriculum have been received. These were memorials.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann provided a written report.

- December – Beginning Balance: \$953.20; Ending Balance: \$1,179.20

Deposit: \$518.

Paid Out: \$250 to *Fresh and Fancy Florist*; \$42 for front door wreaths. Thirty-five Poinsettias and four arrangements were ordered for the Christmas season.

TECW: Doreen Gould reported.

- The group will meet on the first Saturday of the month (Sept.-June) at 9:30 a.m.
- Will host a ‘Take Home Epiphany Tea’ on Sunday, Feb.6, following each of the two worship services.
- Vestry was provided with meeting notes for the January meeting.

Rector’s Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- A wonderful worship service on Christmas Eve.
- Attended Partnership Clergy meeting.
- Will make a request in New Business for approval by Vestry for a new Eucharistic Minister.
- Fr. Clement held conversation with Vestry about the need for the parish to return to a regular rotation for persons serving on Vestry.
- Fr. Clement will not be present on Sundays, Feb. 20 and 27. The Revd. Elizabeth Hadaway will be guest Celebrant and Preacher.
- As such, the 2022 Vestry will schedule its February meeting on Jan. 30, following the Annual Meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Selection Committee: Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by Lucille Bryant, for the following persons to be presented as nominees for vestry at the Annual Parish

Meeting on January 30, 2022: Sally Ludlum, Mary Lou Vercant, Jenn Wilkins. Motion carried.

- Selection Committee: Lucille Bryant made a motion, second by Doreen Gould, for the following person to be presented as nominees for Parish Delegates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention: Cathy Berner, Lisa Sedlmayer, Virginia Becker. Motion carried.
- Eucharistic Minister: Karin Wheelock made a motion, seconded by Lucille Bryant, to approve Jake Wilkins for the ministry of Eucharistic Minister and present his name to the Bishop for approval by license. Motion carried.
- 2022 Operating Budget: The Treasurer presented the operating budget for discussion and approval by Vestry. Following conversation among members, Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by William Roberts, to approve the 2022 Operating Budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Sue Torrance offered thanks on behalf of Vestry to Virginia Becker for her work as Parish Treasurer during this past year and with the new operating budget.
- William Roberts offered thanks on behalf of Vestry for the service and dedication given by those whose term comes to an end this month.
- Conversation was held with regard to preliminary plans for Trinity’s 200th anniversary in 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. with a motion made by William Roberts. Vestry ended their time together with prayer. The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date. Respectfully Submitted by: Sue Torrance, Acting Clerk.

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Parish Notes



Remember!

Daylight savings time

2:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 13th

Parish Outreach



During the month of March, we continue to collect pajamas for the Fredonia Agri- Business Child Development Center. The collection box is located inside the doors leading to Garland Hall.

Sizes range from newborn to 6.

ABCD is very excited that this collection will once again take place!

Thank you for your support of Trinity's outreach program.

--- Diane Sercu

TECW

TAKE HOME EPIPHANY TEA SUCCESS

A huge thank to the women who gathered together and baked, bagged, folded, creased, cut, tied, counted, wrote, put together and helped to distribute the Take Home Epiphany Tea boxes. We distributed 39 boxes to those who attended services on February 6 and to others who were at home. From the feedback we have received all enjoyed the cake, tea, prayer and short story on that sunny Sunday afternoon. Hopefully many of you found your crown and allowed yourself to be Queen/Kings of your tea time.

As there was no ring to be found the women will decide next January who will be the next cake baker.

IN OTHER NEWS: We anticipate having a late spring rummage sale so if the urge to purge items finds you this spring please set aside items that can be donated. As always items should be in good working order and no longer wearing years of pet dander, dust and grime. The final decision has not yet been made but from our initial review of this past fall we will continue with the No clothes to be accepted.

Gratefully,
Doreen for TECW

The Lectionary: Sundays in March

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, March 6

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 20

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-36

Birthdays in March

- 1 Spencer Annear
- 3 Robbie Mancuso
- 4 Kerrie Vercant-Underhill
- 4 Jace Mosier
- 6 Audrey Parker
- 6 Sarah Nash
- 9 Tiffany Nuber
- 12 Dominic Schultz
- 17 Bernard Jakiela
- 18 Erik Reinhart
- 19 Nathaniel Smith
- 20 Susan Sam
- 22 Lois Beckwith
- 22 Marc Levy
- 25 Janet Hartley
- 25 Steffan Wheelock
- 26 Todd Reynolds
- 27 Todd Graves
- 30 Nicholas Yericco
- 31 Walt Sedlmayer

Wedding Anniversaries in March

None in March

In Memoriam

- 1 John T. Everett, Jr.
- 6 Michael Scanzano
- 10 Susan Sellers
- 15 Betsy Cuellar
- 25 Leo Tucker
- 27 Edith Tucker
- 28 Bruce Graves
- 29 Dean Erdle
- 30 Linda Erick

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The Vestry of the Parish

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Janeil Rey, Jr. Warden

Jennifer Wilkins

Karin Wheelock

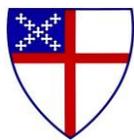
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*