

Trinity Tidings

May 2022

Alleluia, Christ is alive!



We are familiar with the resurrection narrative as offered by each of the four canonical gospels. Written to convey the Good News of Christ to a particular community in mind, each contains its own unique features. The presence of a messenger-being who greets Mary Magdalene (and a group of women in Luke's account) on the Day of the Resurrection is a good example.

In Mark, the messenger is described as a young man wearing a long white robe; in Matthew it is an angel of the Lord. In John it is two angels; and in Luke it is two men wearing 'dazzling' clothes. But regardless of how this *presence* is portrayed, each narrative directs us to the same and important fact: the empty tomb. As such, we discover that every person who encounters this truth has a life-changing event.

As we heard proclaimed this Easter Day from Luke, the women who arrived at the tomb were met with this presence, a messenger offering a glorious and meaningful gift to them. By recalling their relationship with Jesus, each woman is receptive to this Good News. And each life has been changed forever.

When the women respond with action by informing the rest of the community they are met with, well, a blank stare. The past days have been trying and difficult for everyone; perhaps this is just their way of dealing with grief and trauma. But Luke tells us that it is Peter who responds, and with his own action, to what the women have said.

If anyone was in a beleaguered state of mind, it was certainly Peter. But he, too, reflects on his relationship with Jesus, and a glimmer of hope remains within him. Peter rushes to the tomb to discover it empty, and he believes. He is never again the same. We know Peter's story.

May we seek to encounter the risen Christ in our lives. May we be receptive to the Good News as presented to us by the many messengers found in life, and in the various ways it is presented to us. Christ is alive!

I hope each one of you will have a joyous and safe Eastertide. Remember to take the time to celebrate this act of God, which has been freely given to us. As the People of God, let us live the Resurrected Life!

Peace, James+



Agnus redemit oves: The lamb has redeemed the flock. Christ has redeemed the whole human flock, every human being, without exception.

Important dates in May:

Sundays:

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

Regional Confirmation: St. Luke's Church,
Jamestown, May 1, at 3:00 p.m.

ECW Meeting: May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Spring Rummage Sale: May 14, 9-2 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: May 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Creating Spaces for Children: May 21, 10-4 pm

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Diocesan Partnership News

Creating Spaces for Children Program on Saturday, May 21

On May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the partnership diocese will hold Creating Spaces for Children at [Trinity, Fredonia](#). The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, a well-known specialist in the faith formation of children, leadership consultant, retreat leader, and author, will lead the program.

"How can we best nurture our children and youth in this time? What gifts do our children and youth bring to this space we now inhabit? Join others for conversation, learning, and visioning about how we support our youngest as full members of the church," Kitch writes.

The program will begin with worship, and afterward, participants will explore the relationships we have, or want to have, with children in the church. "We'll navigate the landscape of worship, ministry beyond Sunday school, and other programs for children and youth," Kitch writes. "Small groups will meet in the afternoon on topics such as intergenerational worship, [Godly Play](#), and hands-on experiences that invite all to live more fully into our Baptismal Covenant."

The cost to attend Creating Spaces for Children is \$15 and includes lunch. The deadline to register is May 7.

[Learn more and register.](#)

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes March 15, 2022 **As approved at the April Meeting**

Present: William Roberts, Senior Warden; Karin Wheelock; Sally Ludlum, Mary Lou Vercant; Jennifer Wilkins; Virginia Becker, Treasurer, and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector. **Excused:** Janeil Rey.

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

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Karin, seconded by Mary Lou.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Sally Ludlum, to approve the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant, to receive the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. See attached.

- Regular expenses received in February were paid.
- There were no expenditures in the Building Fund during February. The current balance is \$610.88.
- Snowden Lane Partners: The market continues on a downward trend.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- The work contract recently approved by vestry was signed and returned to A. W. Farrell Roofing. The company will contact the parish to schedule this work.
- Cleaning supplies were recently purchased.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries

Parish Outreach: Karin Wheelock reported.

- In consultation with Diane Sercu, April Outreach will be the raising of monetary donations for refugees fleeing violence in

Ukraine. Collections will be accepted through the end of the month, then one check will be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Fund. The upcoming parish newsletter will provide information about this, as well as include three options for people to make a contribution. Information and online link about the ERD Ukraine Fund are currently on the parish Facebook page.

- Fr. Clement reminded vestry of the importance of the parish itself to make a contribution to this outreach.
 - A motion was made by William Roberts for Trinity to donate at least \$100 to the April outreach for Ukraine refugee relief. Seconded by Karin Wheelock. Motion carried.

Flower Guild: Fr. Clement reported.

- Easter lilies and tulips have been ordered from Fresh and Fancy Florist. Sign-up sheets for these are available in the church.
- Various types of palm branches and palm crosses were ordered from C. M. Almy for Palm Sunday.

TECW:

- Mary Lou Vercant shared a question from the February TECW meeting: Are we continuing with the Red Wagon collection for the Fredonia Food Pantry?
 - Fr. Clement responded that, yes, any time he finds donations in the wagon, he delivers them to the Presbyterian Church. At this time, however, it is best for persons to drop-off their donations at the food pantry location directly, if able. He reminded vestry that the original intent of the Red Wagon was to not only collect food items, but a way for the Sunday School children to be more involved with Sunday services. It is the youth of the parish who brought the Red Wagon as an offering at Holy Communion. Fr. Clement hopes the Red Wagon collection and offering will be re-energized this coming Fall with a new season of Godly Play.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement recently returned from taking vacation time. He offered his gratitude to those persons who helped with matters while he was away.
- Attended an online Diocesan Council meeting.
- Acknowledged that Virginia Becker recently attended a Godly Play instructor certification workshop in Kane, Pennsylvania. This event took place during the course of several days.
- Fr. Clement recently requested vestry approval for an individual to be a Eucharistic Minister, as per license by the Bishop. He discovered that all persons who held this ministerial role in the past at the parish are in need of renewing this license. Karin Wheelock made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant, for vestry to approve Sally Ludlum and Diane Sercu as Eucharistic Ministers. Motion carried.
- Fr. Clement offered his gratitude on behalf of the parish to Shinobu Takagi. She continues to serve as interim organist for our worship services while Dr. Woo is absent.

Old Business:

- A Partnership-wide event will be held at Trinity during the month of May 2022. Fr. Clement will provide more details and confirm the date at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Fr. Clement provided the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Day worship schedule: Two services on Palm Sunday, 8am and 10:30am; Maundy Thursday at 7pm; Good Friday at 12pm; Holy Saturday at 10:30am (everyone is invited to decorate the church afterwards for Easter); and, Easter Day – one service at 9:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with a motion made by William Roberts, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant. Carried. Vestry concluded by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

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Parish Notes

Parish Outreach

Thank you to the parishioners of Trinity Episcopal Church for the successful pajama collection!

The Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center was thrilled with the donation of over 35 pairs of pajamas.

They will distribute the pajamas to those in need. There was a wonderful variety of sizes and styles!

Thank You!

May Outreach

Our “furry friends” will be the focus of this month’s community outreach.

The **Lakeshore Humane Society** is currently in need of cleaning supplies.

We will be collecting:



Bleach

Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent



Donations are greatly appreciated!
They may be placed in the collection bin located in the vestibule.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 14
9-2pm**

Items that are Clean, workable, unbroken, with all parts included are welcome.

Please drop off in Garland Hall Vestibule
**Starting Sunday May 8th until Friday,
May 13th 10AM**

NO CLOTHES

TECW

It’s time once again to clear the clutter at your house and bring any items that might be someone else’s treasures to Garland Hall/Vestibule starting Sunday, May 8th.

Please take the few minutes to check that all necessary parts are included and items work. Also, that there are no stains or holes on items or pet fur (thinking linens here) and the garage/basement/back of cupboard dust/dirt has been removed.

Organizing and pricing the items is a very intense job and it becomes much more manageable when that’s all our workers need to do. Thank you in advance for taking the time to bring in items. TECW has gained a well-earned reputation for having a clean, well run, organized sale. Please help us to maintain this reputation.

Our May meeting will be May 7th 9:30 AM Garland Hall.

--- *Doreen Gould*

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Forward Movement: Day by Day



devotion booklets for May-July are now available, located at both the church and Garland Hall entrances. Large print editions will arrive soon. Unfortunately, due to several factors, the parish office is unable to continue mailing booklets to persons as was done during the time of pandemic lock-down.

Lectionary Readings for May:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Birthdays in May

- 4 Kathy Niedbalski
- 9 Jake Wilkins
- 10 David Kramer
- 11 Nathan Sercu
- 13 Mary Lou Sherman
- 13 Eliza Martin
- 14 Kate Levy
- 15 Jillian Abreu
- 17 Ray Chin
- 21 Elizabeth Roberts
- 21 Catherine Graves

- 22 Tom Kennedy
- 22 Jon Weekly
- 23 Aaron Smith
- 24 Samantha Niedbalski
- 24 John Murphy
- 30 Lee Blackburn

Wedding Anniversaries in May

- 15 Lisa and Walt Sedlmayer
- 30 Spencer and Sharon Annear
- 31 Fr. Otis and Maxine Hovencamp

In Memoriam

- 5 Carrie Mancuso
- 12 Jim Johnson
- 14 Elizabeth Crocker
- 20 Harry Reiff
- 28 Harold Beckwith

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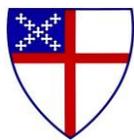
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*