

# Trinity Tidings

January 2023

## Parish Meeting: January 29, 2023



### Greetings to Everyone, and Merry Christmas!

**Our annual parish meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. There is no 8 o'clock service on this day. Our meeting together will take place in the church. Committee reports are due to the office by Sunday, Jan. 15. Thank you!

**Thank You, Bill!** I want to offer my sincere gratitude to Bill Roberts, whose term on vestry ends this January. I thank him, as well, for his support and insight while serving in the role of Senior Warden, especially during the time of pandemic lockdown.

**Service bulletins:** During the month of January, we will return to leaflet service bulletins for use with the BCP during worship on Sunday mornings. Full-service bulletins will only be printed for certain feast days and special occasions.

**Holiday Wishes:** Unfortunately, the blizzard of 2022 kept many of us from gathering together for worship and festivities during this season. I hope everyone remains safe and careful in the winter days ahead. May You have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*Peace, James+*

### **Important dates in January:**

**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;  
1030 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II;  
Godly Play Program, 10:30 a.m.  
*Please note a schedule change for Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:00 p.m.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 29, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.  
**No 8 o'clock service is scheduled.**

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Trinity Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
November 15, 2022

### **As approved at the December Meeting**

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

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with an opening prayer.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by William Roberts, to approve the October 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds**

**Finance:** Virginia Becker reported. See October 2022 Treasurer's Report attached.

- All expected monthly obligations were met in October.
- The Building Fund at the end of October was \$611.02.
- The Snowden Lane accounts were up 5.04% in October.
- Memorial Fund balance at the end of last month: \$3,072.28.
- Mary Lou Vercant will become a primary counter with the treasurers.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fr. Clement reported.

- State boiler inspection took place on Nov. 10, also on behalf of Church Insurance Company.
- Ice melt was recently purchased.

## **Congregational Ministries**

- **Flower Guild:** Fr. Clement presented a report from Melisa Eichmann. An invoice for the florist was recently paid in the amount of \$150. Current balance of the guild account is \$417.35.
- **Parish Outreach:** Virginia Becker reported that \$190 has already been collected for the Christmas Family. The toothpaste collection for the county *Santa for Seniors* program is complete. The parish collected 200 tubes of toothpaste.

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

- Attended Diocesan Convention at Niagara Falls. Unfortunately, Jenn Wilkins (parish delegate) was unable to attend due to illness.
- Another enjoyable time at the recent College Kitchen event held in Garland Hall. The next dinner will be hosted by Fr. Clement on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.
- Fr. Clement continues with his pastoral, liturgical, and office responsibilities.

## **Old Business**

- Vestry commented on how nice the *All Saints' Day* sign was on the church lawn for this feast day.

## **New Business**

- **2023 Draft Operating Budget:** Virginia Becker presented to vestry a working draft of next year's budget. Conversation focused on service agreements the parish has with various

companies. Jenn Wilkins volunteered her son, Charlie, to take care of the front sidewalks for snow removal. Others may continue to help with this as well.

- The role of presiding at this meeting was given to the Senior Warden by Fr. Clement. He excused himself in order to attend a previously scheduled meeting of Diocesan Council, as discussed at the October vestry meeting.
- **Parish Bicentennial:** Vestry held discussion about the possibility of forming a committee. Further discussion will happen at the meeting in December. Several matters to consider until that time: Do we want to do a dinner; recommend that parish-wide events be inclusive of an historical narrative; create a sign to feature bicentennial year outside the church; have several events throughout the year and/or with bicentennial theme? If a committee is to be formed, what would this look like? Sally Ludlum presented an idea of hosting a summer picnic for the parish with events for children.
- Mary Lou Vercant presented information on a music grant that was discussed at the most recent TECW meeting. This was sent by TECW to Janeil Rey, as a follow up to an inquiry received from Bonnie Liener. After further research, it was determined that this grant information is not applicable to our parish situation.
- TECW also inquired about hosting a luncheon to include the full parish with the Epiphany Tea. Vestry likes the idea and requests that more information be given when available for scheduling, setting up Garland Hall, and to avoid scheduling conflicts with the parish calendar. Vestry will promote the event parish-wide.
- **Vestry Handbook Study:** Vestry decided to focus on a few chapters at each meeting and be prepared to discuss as they relate to our church/vestry. In preparation for the next meeting, persons are asked to read chapters 1-3. Feel free to highlight or label the book with your current vestry position. It may be helpful for future vestry members.
- Doreen Gould is planning to deliver the parish collection of Thanksgiving meal items this coming Thursday.
- Coffee Hour: Everyone enjoys this time together and it is time to return to a regular schedule after the 10:30 Sunday service. Janeil Rey has taken it upon herself to host the coffee hour if no one else signs up. Jenn Wilkins offers her

support as well. Continue to encourage other parish members to host a coffee hour as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with a motion made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by William Roberts. Carried.

Vestry concluded its time by reciting the Lord's Prayer together. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

Just put your savings into an envelope marked TECW Stocking Project or return the container with the savings (empty ones for 2023 can be found by the front door of the church and in Garland Hall). You may mail your contribution to the church or put it in the weekly collection plate by January 31. Thank you.

TECW will be choosing the recipient of this year's collection during the January Meeting.

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### **Birthdays in January**

- 1 Patricia Arnold
- 2 Diego Rey
- 5 Melisa Eichmann
- 5 Bryon Rexford
- 5 Chloe Chin
- 6 Andrew Liener
- 6 Kaylee Adamczak
- 16 Maxine Hovencamp
- 17 Diane Sercu
- 17 Jacqueline Branch
- 18 Tessa Chin
- 20 Mary Lou Vercant
- 20 John Berner
- 21 Ginny Becker
- 27 Leah Mosier

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### **Parish Notes**

#### **Parish Outreach**



#### **Mitten Tree**

Outreach continues to collect items for the Mitten Tree during the month of January. Donations of new and gently used hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves will gladly be accepted. Items collected will be divided between Rural Ministries and Partners in Kind. The Mitten Tree is located in Garland Hall.

#### **TECW**

**TECW January meeting**  
**Saturday, January 7, 9:30 am**  
**Garland Hall-please bring your Stocking Savings Quarters.**

#### **Calling all Stocking Savings!**

For the past 12 months everyone that has had one of the small collection containers have been putting their monthly quarters in. Now it's time to return those containers. If you have moved to a cash/coin less life style your 'quarters' have amounted to \$19.50 -round it up to \$20 and voila!

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

(None in January)

### **In Memoriam**

- 9 David Vercant
- 15 Mary Repert
- 16 Jean Lucille Forster
- 17 Alan Knowles
- 17 Shirley Albaugh
- 21 Ione Reiff
- 21 Sam Mancuso
- 29 Patricia Wheelock

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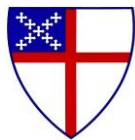
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