



Trinity Tidings

March 2023

Annual Letter to the Parish

Printed below is a portion of the text from my letter to the congregation, as presented at our recent Annual Meeting.

January 2023

Dear Friends,

At this time when we observe the bicentennial year of Trinity Church, we commemorate those men and women who established an Episcopal congregation in the Village of Fredonia. We honor their dedication to such an endeavor. Every subsequent generation that has called this parish their faith community have also placed a foundation for the next generation to come. May we carry onward with their work and this legacy as presented to us.

I want to offer my gratitude to Bill Roberts and Janeil Rey for serving as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively, during this past year. I also want to acknowledge Dr. Ji Hyun Woo for her work as organist these past five years. I thank her for the dedication she has shown to the congregation and her collegiality with me. We all appreciate the help she provided with supply organists since her unfortunate resignation due to health issues. I believe, also, that that everyone is pleased to see our chancel choir continue, especially in a manner that benefits the parish across the board.

From the Parish Register and Register of Services: Eighty-five (85) public Sunday services were held during the past year. This total includes seventy-four (74) occasions of Holy Communion and eleven (11) occasions of the Daily Office, three (3) of which were services of Choral Matins. Four (4) public services of Holy Communion were held on

weekdays. One thousand-one hundred and eleven persons (1,111) received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Other Offices and Private services occurred on eighteen (18) occasions, which include the following: Holy Communion: 11; Holy Unction: 1; Confirmation: 1; Reception: 1; Burial of the Dead: 2.

Faithfully,
(The Revd.) James Clement
23rd Rector

We congratulate
Cathy Berner and Ann Sullivan
on their election to serve a term of
three years on vestry!

Please keep them and the vestry in your prayers
for the work and mission of this parish church.

Important dates in March

Sundays:

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

Vestry Meeting: March 21, 6:00 p.m.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

January 10, 2023

As approved at the February Meeting

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

Excused: ----

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with an opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by William Roberts.

Approval of Minutes: Karen Wheelock noted an edit change regarding Heritage Pipe Organs. She then made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant, to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. See Treasurer's Report attached. A motion was made by William Roberts, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant, to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

- All expected monthly obligations were met for the month. As Trinity's utility bills are on a budget plan, we have a \$411 credit going into 2023.
- Building Fund balance is \$611.04.
- Memorial Fund: No change from the previous balance of \$3,072.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- Rock salt was recently purchased at Home Depot for use at the church.
- It was discovered on Christmas Eve that the pump for the dehumidifier in the undercroft had stopped. The drain line must have become frozen as it met the exterior wall. In the future, power to the pump and dehumidifier should be turned-off during extreme cold temperatures.

Congregational Ministries:

- **TECW:** Janeil Rey presented a report from notes of a recent meeting: (1) Epiphany Tea is scheduled for February 19, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. Traditional Three Kings cake will be served with punch, tea, coffee, and assorted cookies. A display table will be set up for photos and history of TECW; (2) The recipient of the stocking project will be Partners-in-Kind/Sleep in Heavenly Peace Methodist Church; (3) Approved a \$50 donation to Meals on Wheels; (4) Bonnie Liener received a check for \$300 for the first quarter of Friendly Kitchen meal support.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement will take vacation time during the month of February. He will not be present on Sundays, Feb. 12th and 19th. Choral Matins will be scheduled with a warden and worship leader as officiants.
- The Chancel Choir will return on Sunday, Jan. 22.
- Proposal for having one person serve as Parish Warden for 2023. This person will be recognized as having the role and duties as that of the Junior Warden.
- Conversation regarding the updating of Parish Bylaws in 2023.
- Fr. Clement expressed his gratitude and appreciation to William Roberts for serving as Senior Warden these past years, including during the time of pandemic.
- Fr. Clement continues with his pastoral, liturgical, and office responsibilities.

Old Business: None.

New Business

- **Selection Committee:** Candidates for Vestry and Convention delegates. Current vestry roster: William Roberts (2023); Janeil Rey and Karin Wheelock (2024); Jenn Wilkins, Mary Lou Vercant, and Sally Ludlum (2025). Candidates are to be presented to fill two seats on vestry at the annual meeting. Candidates will be presented for parish delegates to Diocesan

Convention as well. As vestry awaits to receive confirmation from possible candidates, voting on nominees will occur by way of electronic means on a date prior to the annual parish meeting.

- The Annual Parish Meeting booklet is being prepared. Committee reports are due to the parish office by Sunday, Jan. 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey. Carried. Vestry concluded its time by reciting the Lord's Prayer together. The next meeting will be scheduled by the vestry following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

ADDENDUM: January 17, 2023. By way of electronic means, see attached: Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by William Roberts, to nominate the following persons as candidates for election to Vestry at the 2023 Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023: Cathy Berner and Ann Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

Janeil Rey made a motion, seconded by William Roberts, to nominate the following persons for election as parish delegates to Diocesan Convection at the 2023 Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023: Jake Wilkins, Jenn Wilkins, and Lisa Sedlmayer. Unanimously approved.

All vestry meetings are open to the public. Members of the vestry are available at any time to discuss ongoing matters and items of discussion, including at its most recent meeting. Approved meeting minutes are also posted on the bulletin board in Garland Hall.

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Parish Notes



Remember!

Daylight savings time

2:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 12th

Parish Outreach



During the month of March, we continue to collect pajamas for the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center.

Sizes range from infant to 6/7 years old.

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

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

--- Outreach Team

TECW

February 19, 2024, the Trinity Episcopal Church Women held their 90th Epiphany Tea as part of the coffee hour after the 1030 service. Historical information was on display on a lace covered table. Jenn Wilkins, Lucy Bryant, Karin and James Wheelock served the 21 st century Epiphany cake, punch, tea and coffee. Attendees helped themselves to the assortment of other cookies.

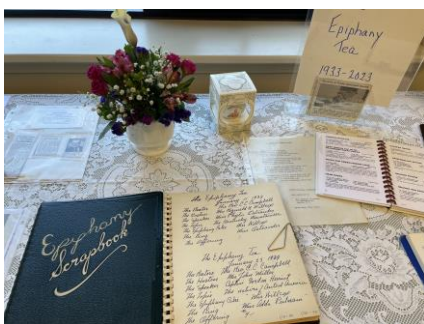
One of the facts shared with the gathering was that this parish was the first in the diocese to hold an Epiphany Tea 90 years ago. Another was the information that over the 200 years of the Parish's existence the various women's groups have time and time again raised money to pay many of the church's expenses. The book published by Rev Garland in honor of the church's 150 celebration devoted two chapters to all of their efforts. Although this book has very small print there is much to be learned by reading it.

Thank you to all the women who helped in any way to present this Tea and to those parishioners who were able to attend. We look forward to the next 90 years.

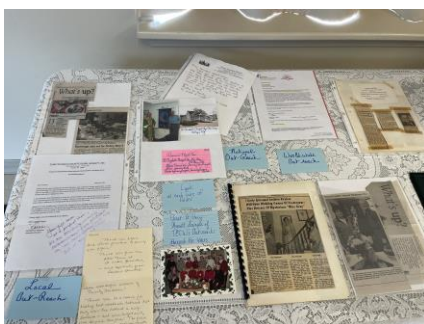


Several cookbooks published by the women, (on loan from Ginny Becker), Fr Garlands history, newspaper clipping listing the women's

accomplishments, photos of original church building.



The original Tea scrapbook opened to the first tea recorded in 1933.



Just a few Thank you's from local, national and international groups the TECW has supported over the years. Also, a small sample of newspaper

coverage of various TECW activities, holiday gatherings, historical wedding gown event, Tea speakers, a large art show and sale ...



The long view of the table ready to be enjoyed.

Also, please note There is No March TECW meeting.

And it's time to Start that spring cleaning A rummage sale will be held in May. No decision has been

made about the return of having clothes. Watch the April newsletter for all the information.

--- Doreen Gould

The Lectionary: Sundays in March

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

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
- 22 Lois Beckwith
- 25 Janet Hartley
- 25 Steffan Wheelock
- 26 Todd Reynolds
- 27 Todd Graves
- 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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Jennifer Wilkins

Karin Wheelock

Mary Lou Vercant

Sally Ludlum

Cathy Berner

Ann Sullivan

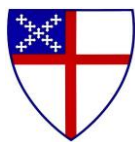
Virginia Becker, Treasurer

Pledge and Budget Expense History: 2010-2023 *as approved at each Annual Parish Meeting.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Pledge</u>	<u>Total Support and Expense</u>
2010	104, 520	147, 520
2011	105, 000	147, 500
2012	105, 000	148, 500
2013	113, 500	154,500
2014	113,500	157, 738
2015	120,000	158, 381
2016	115,041	156,041
2017	108,572	169,102
2018	105,032	180,931
2019	97,917	181,893
2020	105,992	159,519
2021	108,196	157,932
2022	110,060	156,640
2023	102,712	161,345

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