

Trinity Tidings

January 2024

Parish Meeting: January 28, 2024



Greetings to Everyone, and Merry Christmas!

Our annual parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. There is no 8 o'clock service scheduled on this day. Committee reports are due to the office by Sunday, Jan. 14. Thank you!

Thank You, Janeil Rey and Karin Wheelock!

Let us all offer our gratitude to Karin and Janeil for their service on vestry. Their terms end in January. I thank them for their commitment to the parish, which included an additional year of service on vestry due to pandemic lockdown. I also thank Janeil for her term as parish warden. And, many thanks to Karin for her assistance to the parish treasurer.

Vestry Nominations: The Selection Committee is currently accepting names of individuals to serve a three-year term on vestry, and for election at the annual meeting. A person's nominee should be a member in good standing, which includes one who has been *faithful in attending corporate worship* with the congregation. Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, January 14. If you have any questions or wish to nominate a candidate, please speak with a vestry person or the warden.

Holiday Wishes: Thank You to persons who gathered together on Sunday, Dec. 17, to decorate the church for the Christmas season. We had a wonderful time with good food and fellowship! Our Christmas Eve service was wonderful as well. May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Peace during this season,
James+*

Important dates in January:

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;

1030 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II;

Godly Play Program at 10:30 a.m.

Please note a schedule change for Sunday, Jan. 28th

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, Jan 28.

No 8 o'clock service is scheduled.

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Vestry Minutes

November 28, 2023

As approved at the December Meeting

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

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Sally Ludlum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant to approve the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Report prepared by Ginny Becker and presented for consideration by Fr. Clement. Mary Lou Vercant made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Janeil Rey. Motion carried.

- A 2024 budget worksheet was included for review, and will be further discussed in detail at the December meeting, in preparation for the annual meeting in January.
- **General Fund:** All financial obligations were paid.
- **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of October was \$611.14.
- **Music Fund:** The Memorial Organ Recital saw donations totaling \$750. After distributing stipends at the end of October, the balance was \$894.37. \$600 has been earmarked for November/December stipends.
- **Memorial Fund Report:** The balance remains at \$3,072.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- A new contract has been signed with DFT Communications for fiber-optics. They will need to return to install a new phone line for the office.
- Gugino Heating and Plumbing conducted work on the furnace for the church. There is an issue of the temperature not reaching its assigned setting on Sunday mornings.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Flower Guild: Written report submitted by Melissa Eichmann.

- The decorating of the church for the Christmas season will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 17. Sunday, December 3 is the deadline to sign-up for potted poinsettias and floral arrangements.

Outreach: Fr. Clement reported.

- Monetary donations continue to be collected for the Christmas family. Janeil Rey stated a reminder that there is a plan to purchase food items in addition to Christmas presents.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement expressed appreciation to Janeil Rey for officiating Morning Prayer services on the two Sundays he was away.
- The student choristers will conclude this term on Sunday, December 17. Don Fellows, organist, will not be present. Fr. Clement will plan a concise liturgy for the 10:30 a.m. service to accommodate plans for decorating the church after the service. Vestry coordinated a plan to bring various treats for this gathering, as well as inviting the parish family to bring a treat or dish to share.
- Sunday, December 24, will be a busy day. The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls during the morning hours; the Christmas Eve service will take place in the evening at 5 o'clock. No 8:00 a.m. service will be scheduled on this particular date.
- A reminder and conversation that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place in January. Information, including a due date for various committee reports will be listed in the upcoming newsletter. Two persons will be concluding their terms on vestry, Karin Wheelock and Janeil Rey. Additional conversation took place regarding the total number of vestry members based upon accurately representing our current parish membership numbers.
- Fr. Clement, Jake Wilkins and Lisa Sedlmayer recently attended the two-day Diocesan Convention held with The Partnership dioceses in Erie, P.A.
- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will visit the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 9 and will preach at a service of Holy Eucharist at Luther Memorial Church in Erie at 1:30 p.m. Janeil Rey offered to drive individuals who may be interested in attending. Additional volunteer drivers are welcome and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in Garland Hall.

Parish Outreach

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- As he has done during the announcements period on Sunday mornings, Fr. Clement reminded Vestry that the monthly meetings in Garland Hall are open for all to attend. As a courtesy, advance notice is recommended if there is a specific topic for discussion to ensure time is reserved within the allotted meeting time.
- A written letter was received by Vestry, which was sent to each member's home addresses regarding parish life. Content of the letter was discussed.
- Vestry confirms scheduling the Annual Parish Meeting for Sunday, January 28, 2024, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25p.m. with a motion made by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Ann Sullivan. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

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Parish Notes

Trinity Flower Guild

Unfortunately, we have received word from our florist that distribution costs will increase in 2024. As such, the price for two vases of flowers for the main altar in the church will be \$60.00, beginning in January.

As a reminder, the Flower Guild does not generate income from the sale of flower arrangements. If you have any questions, or wish to make a donation to this guild, please contact Melisa Eichmann.



For the months of January and February, Trinity Outreach will be collecting pajamas for the Fredonia Agri- Business Child Development Center.

There will be a box for donations 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!

Christmas Families: Also, on the morning of December 21st, six boxes of food were dropped off with our contact at Fredonia CSD. This will be distributed to 3 families in need. Plenty of food items were included such as cereal, soup, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, juice. Fun snacks were included too as well as a board game. The total spent was \$362. Great job, Trinity parishioners!!

-- Outreach Team

A Message from the Treasurer

Final 2023 Giving Statements

Thank you for your pledges and faithful giving! Fourth quarter statements will go out in early January. If you are behind in your pledge and able to, now is a good time to catch up to help with the cash flow needed to meet financial obligations.

2024 Pledge Confirmation Cards will accompany the final 2023 statement. Please note your *new pledge number* and place it on your check when submitting.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to pledge for 2024, it's not too late. Pledge cards are located in Garland Hall and the narthex.

Feel free to contact the treasurer with any questions. Be well, parish family, and have a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Faithfully,
Virginia T. Becker, Treasurer

Thank You, Sunday School!

During this past year, the Godly Play participants have been collecting their offerings during chapel services on Sundays. The youth of the parish have collected \$30, which they have requested be donated to Rural Ministries.

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

Wedding Anniversaries

(None in January)

In Memoriam

- 9 David Vercant
- 21 Sam Mancuso
- 29 Patricia Wheelock

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Sally Ludlum

Jenn Wilkins

Ann Sullivan

Cathy Berner

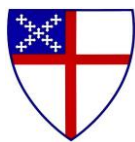
Virginia Becker, Treasurer



Merry Christmas!

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Ephesians 1:2*