

Trinity Tidings

February 2024



The Annual Parish Meeting: will take place in Garland Hall on Sunday, Jan. 28. Our meeting will commence immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

This gathering will be celebratory event together, as we move fully into a new church year. There are many blessings to be thankful for. One of these relates to our parish finances. Stewardship commitment increased for 2024 and last year's proposed deficit, which was quite startling, has been reduced to an actual amount of less than \$700.

Let us meet on Jan. 28 to conduct the business of the church, for fellowship, and fun together. A luncheon will be served during the meeting.

Vestry Nominees: Two openings on vestry are to be filled at the annual meeting. The nominees for the next class are: Jake Wilkins, nominated by Mary Lou Versant; and Melisa Eichmann, nominated by Janeil Rey.

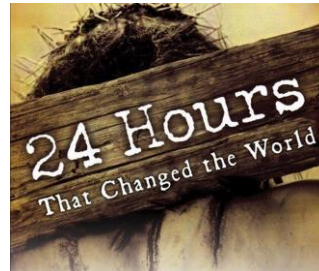


The Forty Days of Lent: With the knowledge that the we have received such a divine gift, we will move into the penitential season of Lent on February 14, Ash Wednesday.

We will enter this period of time to offer ourselves up into a way of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is necessary for us take this opportunity of setting aside time for our spiritual discipline and personal

discernment. And we ask for Grace as move forward to strengthen our relationship with God.

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



Lenten Program and Supper: Wednesdays, Feb. 21—March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join with me on a video journey through the Holy Land based on the inspiring book, 24 Hours That Changed the World, by Adam Hamilton. Over the course of six weeks we will watch, read, and discuss the last day of Jesus' life. A Lenten supper will be provided as well. More information about this Lenten Program is forthcoming.

Sunday, Feb. 11: On assignment for the diocese, I will be away on Sunday, Feb.11. A service of Morning Prayer will take place at 10:30 a.m. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service scheduled on this particular Sunday.

--- Peace, James+

Ash Wednesday
February 14



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

5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of Ashes.

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The Partnership News

**From Bishop Sean:
Support our new leaders**

www.episcopalpartnership.org

Posted: December 21, 2023

Dear Friends,

Across our diocesan partnership, God is calling new leaders to lead congregations, foster innovation, and inspire collaboration. As 2023 draws to a close, I invite you to join me in supporting them with a year-end gift to the [Bishop's Appeal for Theological Education](#).

In today's church, we prepare new priests and deacons in many ways. Some leaders called to ordained ministry attend residential seminary for three years, much as clergy-in-training have done for generations, while others study online, in hybrid programs, or with mentors and scholars here at home. Your gift can make it possible for us to provide scholarships and support curacies, spiritual direction and clinical pastoral education that help students and new clergy learn and grow.

During 2023, we have been able to provide scholarship support for Rachel Pinti of St. Peter's, Eggertsville during her first year in the M.Div. program at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Thanks to your generous gifts, we have also supported Marc Gutierrez of the Diocese of Western New York and Jodi Hopper and Chris Babo of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania as they study online in Church Divinity School of the Pacific's CALL program. Your support has also made it possible for the Rev. Jessica Frederick, a recent graduate of CDSP, to do clinical pastoral education at the Cleveland Clinic and serve as a curate at St. Luke's, Jamestown, and for Niambi Mercado to prepare to enter a religious order.

With [your year-end gift](#), we can raise up and educate even more leaders to serve congregations and communities across our partnership for many years to come. Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to God's work in our region.

May your Christmas be filled with peace and joy, and may 2024 bring many blessings to you and those you love.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe
Bishop

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

December 19, 2023

As approved at the January 2024 meeting

Present: Janeil Rey, Warden; Ann Sullivan; Sally Ludlum; Mary Lou Vercant; Karin Wheelock; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Cathy Berner; Jenn Wilkins, Clerk.

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

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Ann Sullivan.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Mary Lou Vercant to approve the November 28, 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 Sally Ludlum. Motion carried.

- **General Fund:** Regular monthly expenses were met. We received a bill from Gugino Heating and Plumbing for the first round of work (\$425) which was paid in December. Another bill is forthcoming for the work done in December.
- **Increases for 2024:** Forward Movement booklets from \$28.50 to \$36.25 per quarter (15 small and 10 large print); Bahgat & Laurito Bahgat for bookkeeping from \$175

to \$200 per month; Snow plowing from \$600 to \$700 per season.

- 2024 Stewardship: To date, 26 pledge cards have been returned in the amount of \$96,696.
- Building Fund: The balance at the end of October was \$611.15.
- Memorial Fund Report: The balance remains at \$3,072.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- Gugino Heating and Plumbing continues to conduct work on the furnace for the church. The issue of maintaining a set temperature remains. The furnace was cleaned and inspected. A few other issues have been noted.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement expressed his appreciation to everyone who recently helped decorate the church for the festive season. He hopes those persons who travel out-of-town will have a safe and joyous holiday. He looks forward to the Christmas Eve service.
- He will coordinate an upcoming class for confirmation candidates.
- The calendar for Sunday Godly Play lessons will need to be replanned for the first part of 2024, as Janeil Rey will be absent for a period of time.

Old Business:

- Vestry noted that a second letter, which was written by the same person as a letter last month, was received by each member of vestry to their respective residence. The content of the letter was discussed. Vestry voiced concern for the letter writer.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Karin Wheelock. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Janeil Rey, Warden.

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Parish Notes

Important dates in February:

Sundays, Feb. 4, 18, 25:

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

Sunday, Feb. 11: 10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer.

Godly Play Program, Feb. 4 and 18: 10:30 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Supper: Feb. 13, 5-6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Program and Supper: Wednesdays, Feb. 21-March 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5:30 p.m.

TECW Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 3, at 9:30 a.m.

Epiphany Tea: Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Outreach



For the month of 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!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Come one, come all! A pancake supper will be served on Shrove Tuesday this year, which will be held in Garland Hall on Feb. 13. This is a freewill offering event.

A special menu will be offered, including various toppings for your pancakes. Fruit, sausage, milk, juice and coffee are some of the items that will round out the menu.

Everyone is invited to attend this communal to eat, make merry, and 'fatten-up', before the Lenten season begins. Any person interested in helping, in any way, is asked to contact Jake Wilkins. See you there!



We welcome back our student choristers for the spring semester: Anna, Bella, Dan, and Nathaniel!

If you wish to sponsor a chorister for this term, it is \$100 per month. For more information, please speak with the parish treasurer.

TECW

FEBRUARY meeting on
Saturday, the 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in Garland Hall.
We will finalize tea plans and looking ahead.

LAST CALL FOR 2023 STOCKING SAVINGS PROJECT OFFERINGS

If anyone who wanted to participate in the 2023 TECW yearlong savings project and has not yet turned in whatever is in their little collection box or if you're just rounding up the quarters to dollar amounts, please get whatever you are planning to give to Doreen Gould or Mary Lou Vercant by February 11th.

Then you can get started on saving for 2024. Extra containers are available by front church door or in Garland Hall. This project allows the TECW to choose a specific group or organization that could use our help. It might be a local concern or national or even International. Help us make a difference. Thank you so much.

EPIPHANY TEA 2024

Trinity Church Women will be holding their 91st Epiphany Tea on Sunday, February 4th at 2pm in Garland Hall behind Trinity Episcopal Church, 11 Day St. Fredonia, NY.

This tea is a yearly event that is held during the Epiphany season which goes from January 6 until Ash Wednesday. In years gone by it was a very fancy tea for all the church women and others from any Episcopal Church. Today it is a more casual affair but the Silver tea service is still used and a wonderful array of tea foods are on the table. Come and bring a friend. The guest speaker who will chat with the group for about 15 minutes before the tea is served will be Deborah Dibble, Director of the Student Health Center, SUNY Fredonia. The topic this year is the schools new Student Food Insecurity Program.

Food insecurity is a real cause of concern which directly impacts the students' ability to learn. This program started in 2016 with just some basic staples made available to get the students through to the end of the semester. Because of the rising need the program has evolved into much more. If you plan to attend instead of the usual opportunity to make a free will offering that is given to the speaker, we ask that you bring along some single serving non-perishable meals such as Mac/cheese, soups, rice dishes, noodle dishes etc. We look forward to having you join us. In the event of a cancellation that information will be on the church website www.trinitychurchwny.org.



The College Kitchen Events Schedule:

February: We will celebrate a community, student and parish gathering by using the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on February 13 as a kick-off event for TCK this spring. Students from SUNY Fredonia will be invited to attend for free.

April: We will plan to collaborate with the Village of Fredonia and PBA's Earth Day Community Clean-up by providing a hot dog lunch for community and student volunteers. This event was a huge success last year and a great way to showcase Trinity's support in the community.

March & May: Two additional Sunday lunch-time meals will be planned immediately following the 10:30am service. Again, students will be invited to enjoy a free home cooked meal. In addition to offering support for students facing food insecurities, intentional partnerships with student clubs seeking opportunities to host fundraisers or other small meetings/events will be established.

To assist with attendance, sign-ups will be available for parish members who wish to help with transporting students from and back to the university for each of the four events being hosted this February-May. Contact Jenn Wilkins for details (jennifer.wilkins@fredonia.edu or by cell phone at 716-912-1748).

Birthdays in February

- 2 Roberta Mosier
- 3 Sue Torrance
- 6 Victoria Jakiela
- 14 Shirley Coon
- 20 Meghann Hudson
- 22 Jillian (Berner) Bentley
- 23 Grayson Adamczak
- 23 Jakub Adamczak
- 26 Jared Cooper

Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Rich and Robbie Mancuso

In Memoriam

- 2 Scott Albaugh
- 15 Tom Wienk
- 19 Anne Cassidy
- 22 Laura Foster

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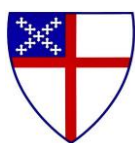
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
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