

Trinity Tidings

May 2024

I am Resurrection and I am Life



Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

--- The Collect: Second Sunday of Easter

Happy Easter! I hope everyone is having a joyous season as we continue our celebration of Eastertide! While it is noted as fifty days of the Church Year, we are to live out the meaning of this Paschal mystery – this Act of God in the world – every day of our life. Its purpose for us is freely offered, and we respond with our faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. Let us live a Resurrected Life!

With Gratitude! I want to acknowledge our student choristers and their passion for singing: Anna Evans, Isabella Wahl, Nathaniel Peets, and Daniel Novak. I offer them my thanks for their commitment to Trinity and for enriching our worship together. We wish them well as they move forward and enter into a new chapter of life!

I commend to everyone two special events that will take place at Trinity during the month of May. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend:

1. **Sunday, May 5; Cinco de Mayo:** Our College Kitchen project will host the student group *Sociedad Amigos de los Niños in Honduras* (Friends for Honduran Children) for a fundraising event in Garland Hall. More information can be found in The College Kitchen article on page four and the flyer on page six of this newsletter.
2. **Sunday, May 12; Chorister Coffee Hour:** Immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service we will host a special coffee hour, organized by TECW, to honor our student choristers. They have become an integral part of our parish community these past two years and we celebrate with them their upcoming graduation. Let us gather together to wish them well!

--- Peace, James+

Important dates in May:

Sundays:

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

Godly Play: Sundays, May 5 and 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser: May 5, at Noon.

TECW Meeting: Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Chorister Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 12.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

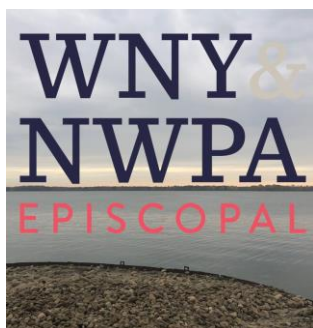
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The Partnership News

Grant Committee is “Spreading the Wealth”

www.episcopalpartnership.org

Posted: April 17, 2024



The partnership between the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Western New York was founded, in some measure, on the premise that if the two dioceses could collaborate on key priorities, pool their talents and resources, and streamline

some of their bureaucratic processes, they could serve their constituents and pursue God’s mission more effectively.

It turns out that is true, and the work of the partnership’s Grants Committee is a case in point.

The committee has been meeting for just over a year, and in that time has [standardized an application](#) for use across both dioceses and established a two-cycle annual granting rotation with deadlines of March 1 and August 1. Its efforts have made the process easier on both applicants and the diocesan councils that make the final decisions about all grants.

“I feel like things are going really well,” said Cheri Maytum-Krull of St. Luke’s, Jamestown, who chairs the five-member committee. “Each diocese has different funds but we talk about theirs and then we talk about ours,” she said. “I feel like we do a good job with the limited funds we do have in spreading the wealth.”

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania offers three kinds of grants: the St. Stephen Outreach Grant, a one-time grant for new outreach programs; the New Development Capital Needs Grant, capped at \$10,000, and designed to bridge capital shortfalls when internal appeals, budgets and unrestricted investments are committed elsewhere; and a Youth Ministry grant capped at \$2,000.

The Diocese of Western New York also offers grants from three distinct funds: the Holy Communion Fund, which provides assistance for repairs, construction and physical plant improvements; the Outreach Fund, informally capped at \$5,000 for congregations initiating or enhancing a congregation-based outreach program; and the Reynolds Funds, which supports congregations with church development and growth, the expansion of mission and outreach programs, and the creation of new or collaborative ministries. The fund was initiated with an emphasis on congregations in Cattaraugus County and the southern area of the diocese but is not geographically restricted.

Ed Palattella, a member of the committee from the Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie, said the applications it receives are generally well-crafted and, in his diocese, support projects as diverse as asbestos removal at St. John’s, Sharon and the replacement of damaged windows in the parish hall at Grace, Lake City.

“We’ve seen a lot of deferred maintenance; repairs to buildings; new boilers; new roofs. A lot of churches seem to be playing catch up,” he said. “The committee is more than happy to help.”

The Rev. Jim Clement, rector of Trinity, Fredonia, said the committee was not surprised by these requests. “The need is great,” in dioceses with older churches, he said. He suggests congregations planning building-related projects apply at the beginning of the year when a fresh round of funds is available.

Outreach money is currently more plentiful, he said, “because less of it was being given away in the pandemic.”

Cheryl Wild of Church of Our Father, Foxburg, and the Rev. Gail Winslow, who recently retired as archdeacon of the partnership, are the other members of the committee, which is supported by Canon Vanessa Butler in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Maria Manocchio in Western New York.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

March 19, 2024

As approved at the April Meeting

Present: Sally Ludlum, Warden; Ann Sullivan; Melisa Eichmann; Jake Wilkins; Cathy Berner (via conference call); Mary Lou Vercant; Jenn Wilkins, Clerk; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., followed with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Sally Ludlum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jake Wilkins, seconded by Melissa Eichmann to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Report prepared by Ginny Becker and presented for consideration. Ann Sullivan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Sally Ludlum. Motion carried.

General Fund: All anticipated monthly bills were paid.

Building Fund: The balance at the end of January was \$611.17.

Memorial Fund: The balance remains \$3,072.28.

Music Fund: Current balance is \$584.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement asks vestry to begin thinking of ideas for replacing the vinyl bricking on an exterior wall of Garland Hall. Weather conditions and snow build-up cause an ongoing problem of detachment from the wall. Vestry will discuss this at a future meeting.
- The boiler-furnace is currently functioning properly. Gugino Heating will need to return, perhaps during the summer, to conduct needed work. Fr. Clement is aware

of how to shut down the system and restart, if need be.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The current balance of the account is \$324.70. Easter lilies and tulips have been ordered and will be delivered in time for the decorating of the church on Saturday, March 30.
- Doreen Gould and Bonnie Liener inquired about making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. This will take place in Garland Hall.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- The Lenten Program and Supper, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, is going well. Participants are taking turns supplying various food items.
- The Holy Week and Easter Service schedule is as follows: Palm Sunday at 8am and 10:30am, Maundy Thursday at 7pm, Good Friday at Noon, Holy Saturday at 10:30am, and Easter Sunday at 10am.
- The current Prayer Chain ministry as coordinated by Mary Lou Sherman will need to be renewed, possibly with a different model. Fr. Clement asked vestry for thoughts. He suggests possibly linking this ministry with the Prayer Shawl ministry or an in-person prayer group that will meet regularly. Cathy Berner recommended an email list to share prayer information for those interested. Jake Wilkins recommended including the prayer list in the newsletter.
- Cathy Berner plans to update the membership directory this summer (as a part of her role for birthday cards).
- Fr. Clement is planning to take vacation time with family at the end of April. He will update vestry when plan have been arranged.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Ann Sullivan asked everyone to consider thoughts about the Parish Summer Picnic, including a date and location.
- A quote from Tabone's Paving was received for the parking lot behind Garland Hall. It is

for \$11,000, which includes the 24x24 parking lot, saw cut, excavation, the application of a new base, roll to smooth finish and striping. Motion to approve this quote was made by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Motion carried.

- Cathy Berner made a motion, seconded by Jake Wilkins, to fund the work and quote from Tabone from the parish investment account. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Jake Wilkins. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jenn Wilkins, Clerk.

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Parish Notes

The College Kitchen



College Kitchen to host Fredonia for Friends of Honduran Children

The College Kitchen in partnership with the student group, Friends of Honduran Children will host a taco lunch at **Noon on Sunday, May 5th** to raise funds. This event will be held in Garland Hall and is open to students, parishioners, and the public. Musical performances and basket raffles are planned.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$8; tickets at the door are \$10.

Monies raised will go toward supporting the club's mission, which is to improve the lives of Honduran children by supporting basic needs and empowering them to break the cycle of poverty. Fredonia students stay in the local orphanage while visiting, and the club sponsors children, gives scholarships, leads mission trips, and brigades.

--- Jake Wilkins

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A Reminder!

Our summer worship schedule begins on **Sunday, June 2!**

With one service:
Holy Eucharist, Rt. II at 9:30 a.m.

TECW

Meeting:
May 11, at 9:30 a.m.
in Garland Hall

Rummage Sale:
Saturday, April 27
9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

An Advance THANK YOU to everyone who helped in anyway with the Spring Rummage Sale. Every item donated, every friend you invited to bring their bits down, every minute you were able to help set up /clean up all makes a huge difference.

With your help TECW can continue to support the Friendly Kitchen with a monthly meal and other areas in house and the community needing support.

Sunday, May 12: TECW will be hosting a special coffee hour after the service on May 12th to honor and thank our devoted choristers. Please join us for cake and a chance to say thank you to these graduating seniors.

--- Doreen Gould

Lectionary Readings for May:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Thursday, May 9

Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 26

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Birthdays in May

- 9 Jake Wilkins
- 11 Nathan Sercu
- 13 Mary Lou Sherman
- 15 Jillian Abreu
- 17 Ray Chin
- 21 Elizabeth Roberts
- 21 Catherine Graves
- 22 Tom Kennedy
- 22 Jon Weekly
- 24 John Murphy
- 30 Lee Blackburn

Wedding Anniversaries

- 15 Lisa and Walt Sedlmayer
- 30 Spencer and Sharon Annear

In Memoriam

- 5 Carrie Mancuso
- 12 Jim Johnson

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AGNUS REDEMIT OVES:

The lamb has redeemed the flock.

Christ has redeemed the whole human flock,
every human being, without exception.

Join us for a

Ginco De Mayo

Celebration!

Enjoy Tacos and more great food! Proceeds support
Sociedad Amigos de los Ninos in Honduras

Enjoy Musical performances and basket
raffles!

Location

Starts at Noon

Trinity Episcopal Church
11 Day St. Fredonia NY

Tickets

\$8 pre-sale

\$10 at door



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