

From Bishop Sean: Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop

June 26, 2024: Dear People of God in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York:

Earlier today, the House of Bishops elected me to be the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and a few moments ago, the House of Deputies confirmed my election. I give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve the church in this role, and I am especially grateful to each of you who have supported and prayed for me during my discernment for this office. Our ministry together and your resilience and creativity in the face of change have prepared me for this new call, and I will always be thankful for your faithfulness and courage.

According to the provisions of [Canon 1.2.2](#), Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will retire on October 31 and on November 1, I will become presiding bishop for a term of nine years. This generous transition period means that we will have several months to conclude our ministry together and say goodbye. I will plan to conclude my day-to-day work in the partnership by mid-September and will resign as bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York on November 1 when I become presiding bishop. On that day, the Standing Committee of each diocese will become its ecclesiastical authority.

The Standing Committees, under the leadership of their presidents — the Rev. Stacey Fussell in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Saxon Deck in Western New York — began developing a draft plan for this transition shortly after I was named to the slate of nominees for presiding bishop and are prepared for the change ahead. Over the summer, I will continue to work with them, all the members of our leadership bodies, and the partnership staff to ensure that the governance and operation of both

dioceses will continue without interruption when I leave in September. Please know that my departure will not change the timetable for the evaluation of the partnership or the vote about its future planned for the fall of 2025.

General Convention ends on Friday, and the deputies from our dioceses and I will return home from Louisville over the weekend. If you have immediate questions about the road ahead, please email them to communications@episcopalpartnership.org, and we will do our best to provide the information you need while we conclude the business of convention. You can also watch upcoming issues of the diocesan newsletter for more information about the transition, including dates in September when we will hold events in each diocese to celebrate our ministry together.

In the meantime, I hope that you will pray for me and my family, for everyone in our diocesan partnership, for my fellow nominees for presiding bishop, and for Presiding Bishop Curry and his family. For each of us, today's news ushers in a time of adjustment and uncertainty. I take heart, as I hope we all will, from the assurance that God is with us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 515)

Faithfully,
+Sean

Diocesan News: Bishop Sean's Election: News Roundup

Since Bishop Sean was elected presiding bishop on Wednesday, many media outlets have covered the story. Here's a selection:

- Erie Times News: ['People Person' Sean Rowe ready for 'big undertaking' as Episcopal presiding bishop](#)
- Buffalo News: [Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe elected new leader of Episcopal Church. He's the youngest since 1789](#)
- Church Times (UK): [Rust Belt change-manager elected as next US Presiding Bishop](#)
- The New York Times: [The Episcopal Church Has Elected Its Youngest Leader in Centuries](#)
- The Living Church: [Sean W. Rowe Elected as 28th Presiding Bishop](#)

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Important dates in July:

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Tea at the Episcopal Cottage, Chautauqua:
Tuesday, July 16

A Message from the Treasurer

The midpoint of 2024 has arrived. Second quarter pledge reports will be in the mail soon. Thank you for your thoughtful giving which has assisted in supporting our financial obligations to this point. If you are a semi-annual or quarterly supporter of Trinity, this would be a good time for your next gift to help maintain cash flow. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Have a safe and healthy summer!
Virginia T. Becker, Treasurer

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

May 21, 2024

As approved at the June Meeting

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

Excused:

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Melissa Eichmann.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jake Wilkins, seconded by Melissa Eichmann to approve the April 16, 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 Jake Wilkins. Motion carried. See attached report.

- **General Fund:** All regular monthly bills were paid along with Observer Easter special ad and Amherst Exterminators.
 - **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of October was \$611.20.
 - **Music Fund:** The current cash balance is \$136.37.
 - **Memorial Fund Report:** The balance remains at \$3,072.28.
- **Snowden Lane Partners:** The Treasurer spoke with our financial adviser about upcoming budget needs. He recommended taking the full budgeted amount out of the account instead of small amounts out throughout the year. The master cash account is still earning 4% interest each month.

- Melisa Eichmann inquired about persons who send in their stewardship pledge on a semi-annual basis. The Treasurer recommended these should be submitted in July.
- The Treasurer put forward to Vestry three individuals to conduct the upcoming annual parish audit: Cathy Berner, Ann Sullivan, and Joanne Green. Vestry concurs with the formation of this group to conduct this work and present a report to Vestry and the Diocese.
- Received a letter from DFT Communications confirming they have sold their security department to Dole Security. This change relates to the church fire-alarm system. No further information or contract changes have been received.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- National Fuel removed the gas meter from the utility room of the church and relocated it to the exterior of the building. They have completed this work, as well as re-seeded the lawn.
- Tabone's Paving completed their work on the church parking lot. Twelve parking spaces were created, which includes a handicap space near the entrance into Garland Hall.
- Fr. Clement turned the furnace a few days ago after noticing an issue with the burner. He will inform Gugino in order to get on their work calendar for the summer. They need to return to conduct additional work as well.
- The next project for Vestry to consider is the East exterior wall of Garland Hall. For several reasons, the vinyl bricks are detaching. Fr. Clement recommended several ideas and recommends that Vestry begin to think about this project. There is currently no money designated for this project.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

The College Kitchen:

- The College Kitchen hosted a Cinco de Mayo event on Sunday, May 5, in support of the Fredonia for Honduran Children - \$270 was raised. As a part of the Village clean-up hosted for Earth Day, we served over 120 grilled hot dog and chip lunches to college students and community members. The 10 remaining meals were donated to the

Fredonia Police Department. Jenn Wilkins grilled the hotdogs and distributed meals while Jake Wilkins hosted Boy Scouts to participate in a section of the Village clean up. Drinks were donated to the event, and the remaining drinks were donated to the church for future events as a thank you from the Police Benevolent Association.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women:

- The Spring Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, April 27, in Garland Hall. The amount raised was \$1,130. Ginny Becker and Melissa Eichmann said the event went very well. Rural Ministries picked up the remaining items the following Monday.
- TECW hosted a special coffee hour reception on Sunday, May 12 to celebrate the graduating student choristers.

Godly Play Curriculum:

- Virginia Becker taught the remaining sessions for this Sunday School year. She hosted anywhere from two to four children for each session and recently created additional curriculum kits for use in the future.

Flower Guild:

- Melissa Eichmann reported that the current balance is \$281.61. A new bill should be sent from Fresh and Fancy soon for approximately \$120. The current price for weekly flowers is \$60 for two vases, in addition to a \$5 delivery – however we have been able to pick them up to avoid this cost.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement expressed his appreciation to the student choristers for their presence at Trinity during the past two years. Both the organist and supply back-up will be out of town during Memorial Day weekend, so the 10:30am service will be a said service. The summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 2, which will be one service starting at 9:30 a.m.
- A recent visit to a parishioner admitted into the neurological ICU in Buffalo, due to sudden illness. He and Virginia Becker (and others) are offering additional support to family and parishioners at this time.
- He hopes to schedule vacation time in mid-late June.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Ann Sullivan inquired about setting a date for the annual picnic. Vestry decided to take this action at a later meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Melissa Eichmann. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:30pm. (note: one-week delay)

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

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Lectionary Readings in July:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, July 7

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 14

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 21

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-19

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Parish Register

Transfer In

Jeff and Brenda Oldfield
St. Paul, Mayville

Burial

Mary Lou Vercant
June 8, 2024

Ralph Spencer Annear
June 29, 2024

Birthdays in July

- 2 Jack Torrance
- 4 Frank Pullano
- 6 Patti Cooper
- 7 Robert Maytum, Jr.
- 10 Rebecca Sedlmayer
- 13 Chris Eichmann
- 23 Sally J. Ludlum
- 24 Julie Maytum
- 26 Joel Hudson
- 30 Dave Sherman

Wedding Anniversaries in July

- 31 Lee and Maureen Blackburn

In Memoriam

- 14 Susan Roberts

Trinity Tidings

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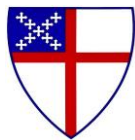
Sara Jagoda, Custodian

Happy Independence Day!



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