



Trinity Tidings

November 2024

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed



Autumn has arrived and the colors of the season are all around us. We will soon commemorate an important three-day observance on the Church calendar, Allhallowtide. Derived from the old English word, *hallow*, meaning 'saint' and 'to make holy', these three days offer us a time to remember those who have died: martyrs, saints, and all the faithful departed.

We are familiar with this time period of time, which begins the evening of October 31 and ends on November 2: All Saints Eve (Halloween), All Saints' Day (All Hallows), and All Souls' Day (All the Faithful Departed).

Halloween is a vigil the evening prior to one of the seven Principal Feasts, All Saints' Day. It is also the night in which persons wear costumes of things that go 'bump-in-the-night', something unknown or frightening to us. But this custom began not for us to uphold such things. Quite the contrary. As followers of Jesus, we no longer have anything to fear. The act of wearing costumes is celebratory in nature.

On November 1, All Saints' Day is of such importance that this day alone may be observed on the following Sunday, in addition to its observance on its fixed date. This day is a time for us to commemorate the saints and martyrs of the Church throughout the centuries. The use of the liturgical color of white is appropriate, signifying for us victory and life. All Saints is one of the four days recommended in the Prayer Book for the administration of Holy Baptism.

On November 2, All Souls' Day, we remember all the faithful departed, known and unknown to us, of the vast body of the faithful. It is a day for particular remembrance of our family members and friends.

May each one of us prepare ourselves for this meaningful three-day observance and recall the spiritual bond we have with one another and with God, by way of Christ Jesus. We are assured of this Divine presence in life with a belief that nothing can separate us from the love of God. As such, we continue to be in communion and fellowship with all those whom we love.

Our parish will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m. with a service of Choral Eucharist. There is no 8:00 a.m. service on this date.

Please note: I will not be present for two Sundays during the month, November 17 and 24. A service of Morning Prayer will take place at 10:30 a.m. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service on these two dates.

Peace, James+

Important dates in November

All Saints' Day: Sunday, Nov. 3.

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. No 8:00 a.m. service.

Christ the King Sunday: Sunday, Nov. 24.

Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m.

Sundays, Nov. 17 and 24:

Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m.

No 8:00 a.m. service on these two dates.

TECW Meeting:

Saturday, Nov. 2, at 9:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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Episcopal News Service

Central Pennsylvania, Bethlehem vote to reunite; two others organize the Diocese of the Great Lakes

By David Paulsen
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The dioceses of Central Pennsylvania and Bethlehem voted Oct. 19 to reunite as one diocese – just as the dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan took final steps toward combining as the Diocese of the Great Lakes.

These latest developments [reflect an ongoing trend](#) in some parts of The Episcopal Church toward greater cross-diocesan collaboration and, in some cases, diocesan mergers to strengthen Episcopal ministries at a time of growing concern about long-term financial sustainability.

The Harrisburg-based [Diocese of Central Pennsylvania](#) and the neighboring [Diocese of Bethlehem](#) voted to reunify at their diocesan conventions, held jointly Oct. 18-19 in State College, Pennsylvania. The votes came two years after the dioceses first launched a discernment process to consider a merger. They are following a canonical process known as reunion because the two were once part of the same diocese.

“Pending the reception of consents from a majority of standing committees and bishops diocesan of The Episcopal Church, our dioceses will enter into 2025 as the ‘Year of Transition,’ during which we will continue to deepen our relationships, align systems and budgets, further develop the Constitution and Canons for a reunified diocese and much more,” the [dioceses said in a joint statement](#).

Following that timeline, they expect to reunite on Jan. 1, 2026, as the Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna, named after the river that runs through the center of Pennsylvania.

Reunion received 86.5% approval from the Diocese of Bethlehem and 84.5% approval from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

“I am delighted that our two dioceses have chosen this way forward to reunite and serve God’s mission together,” Central Pennsylvania Bishop Audrey Scanlan said in the dioceses’ joint news release. “This is bold and courageous work, and we live in hope that with God, all things are possible.”

Bethlehem Bishop Kevin Nichols noted that the successful votes were made possible by the work of the dioceses’ Reunification Discernment Committee, which engaged widely with members of both dioceses. “I am grateful for everyone’s efforts towards this important discernment and am eager to begin the work of becoming one body as the Diocese of the Susquehanna,” Nichols said.

The dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan have followed a different process toward combining, known canonically as juncture, because their histories didn’t so closely overlap with each other. Their merger, which was [authorized in June by the 81st General Convention](#), couldn’t take effect until the new diocese met to organize itself, as it did Oct. 18-19 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

The three dioceses in Wisconsin also combined this year as the reunited Diocese of Wisconsin. Its first convention since the reunion was held Oct. 4-5. The 81st General Convention also authorized the combination of the church’s Micronesia area mission with the Diocese of Hawai’i.

In addition, the dioceses of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana are in the [middle of their own discernment process](#) over whether to reunite as a single statewide diocese. The dioceses held listening

sessions to learn about each other's current practices, though they have not yet announced a timeline for taking formal steps toward a merger.

Other dioceses, though not engaging directly in merger talks, are experimenting with shared leadership, training, administration and ministries through partnerships that could become models for other diocesan collaborations around The Episcopal Church.

For example, the dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York are six years into a partnership that involves sharing a bishop. They are now discerning next steps, as their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, prepares to take office Nov. 1 as the church's presiding bishop.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

September 17, 2024

As approved at the October Meeting

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

Excused:

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Jake Wilkins, seconded by Cathy Berner.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the July 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Report prepared by Ginny Becker and presented. Jenn Wilkins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Motion carried.

- **General Fund:** All regular monthly bills were paid as well as Concordia Publishing House for 2025 pledge envelopes.

- **Building Fund:** The balance at the end of August was \$5,611.44.
- **Memorial Fund:** The balance remains \$3,072.28.
- **Music Fund:** The August cash balance was \$386.37.

Buildings & Ground: reported by Fr. Clement.

- Fire equipment inspection conducted by T. Allen.
- Fire alarm and central station system inspected by Doyle Securities.
- Village building inspection conducted.
- DFT work completed.
- Will hear back from Gugino for needed furnace repairs.

Congregational Ministries

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Current balance is: \$636.62; anticipating the arrival of an invoice. The flower sign-up calendar is filled leading up to the Advent season.

Trinity Episcopal Women: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The Rummage Sale is scheduled for October 19th. During the Wednesday through Saturday of that week additional help is needed for setup. A notice will be put in the newspaper to advertise the event.
- An inquiry was raised about a Memorial for Mary Lou Vercant (TECW plans to follow up with the family to ask about a memorial donation). The obituary prepared by the family indicated – "In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society." It was also discussed that many people may have already made individual donations.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- He requested the final installment of the grant award for The College Kitchen project.
- We welcomed the new choir students with the chancel choir.
- The Diocesan Convention will take place on Saturday, October 12th in Erie, Pennsylvania. Fr. Clement mentioned that pre-convention meetings will take place for those persons attending.

- Officiated the Yerico baptism on Sunday, August 11th.
- Attended Grant Committee meeting.
- The organist will be on away for two Sundays in October and on November 3rd.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- Cathy Berner is working to update the parish directory.
- Ann Sullivan mentioned that persons are interested in forming a committee to plan a picnic or fall harvest potluck. There is an expression of interest to have a gathering, perhaps a meal after a Sunday service. Melisa mentioned that we have previously hosted a chili potluck. Vestry selected Sunday, October 27th for an Autumn Harvest Potluck immediately following the 10:30am service. A sign-up will be posted on the bulletin board in Garland Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. with a motion made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Sally Ludlum. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

Parish Notes



REMEMBER!

Turn your clocks *backwards* one hour on Sunday, November 3.

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A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Our parish committee recently sent out a letter with regard to the stewardship campaign for 2025. You should receive your letter in the mail soon.

We ask that you prayerfully discern your monetary gift towards next year's operating budget and mission of Trinity Church.

Stewardship Sunday is November 24.

Please return your pledge cards to the church on or before that date.

With gratitude and blessings,
Ginny Becker
Melisa Eichmann
Jenn Wilkins



Christmas Flowers

The sign-up form for Poinsettias for Christmas will be posted on the bulletin board in Garland Hall. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each.

The deadline to reserve flowers and for payment is **Sunday, December 1st.**

If you have any questions, please contact Melisa Eichmann, Flower Guild.

Parish Register

Transfer In

Margaret L. Tofil
St. John the Baptist, Dunkirk, N.Y.

Burial

Roberta W. Mancuso
October 19, 2024

TECW

THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

TECW is very grateful for all of the items that you all donated to the Fall Rummage Sale And, even more grateful for all of you that were able to help with the set up, event and clean up after. With all of us working we raised \$1,062.80 that the TECW can use to support our monthly meals for Friendly Kitchen and other local outreach needs. Put early April in your calendar for the next Rummage Sale!

NOVEMBER IS THANKSGIVING BASKET TIME

Rural Ministry is so pleased that we will again be helping to collect items for their Thanksgiving Baskets. Below is a list of the items needed. Please check expiration dates on any item donated.

A list will be available in the weekly bulletins that you can have with you when you shop. There will be a box by front church door and in Garland Hall vestibule. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION 2024

Canned cranberry sauce
Canned fruit
Canned Vegetables
Bags White potatoes/sweet potatoes.
Boxed mashed potatoes
Can of complete pumpkin pie filling with a can of 12 oz evaporated milk
Gravy (please no glass)
Turkey 10-15 lax (any monetary donations will be used to purchase as many as we can)
Stuffing for 10-15 lb turkey
Non refrigerated pie mix (Jiffy makes a good one)
Graham cracker pie shell
Large boxes Jello or pudding mix
Boxed desserts-complete in the box
Juice in plastic bottles (no cranberry or cranberry mixes please)

Please bring all items to the church by SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th.
MONETARY DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO TECW and put *Thanksgiving collection* in memo line. Cash is always acceptable as well.

--- Doreen Gould



Thank You!

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our Autumn Harvest Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 27th.

The parish family and our guests enjoyed shared dishes and fellowship together to usher in the new season.

Thank You to everyone who helped coordinate this event!

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Lectionary Readings for Sundays in November: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Nov. 3

All Saints' Day
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Sunday, Nov. 11

25th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, Nov. 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 24

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Birthdays in November

- 1 Stephanie Weatherlow
- 7 Amy Liener
- 8 Brenda Oldfield
- 8 Fred Liener
- 9 William Erick
- 10 Maureen Blackburn
- 13 Alice Jonus
- 14 Christopher Liener
- 15 Ann Sullivan
- 20 Abigail Sedlmayer-Rexford
- 25 Tom Annear
- 25 Wade Weatherlow
- 25 Rod Geiben
- 26 Jocelyn Berner

Wedding Anniversaries in November

- 1 James and Emily Ivey
- 17 Jenn and Jake Wilkins
- 18 Alberto and Janeil Rey
- 22 Lauri and Wade Weatherlow
- 24 Linda and Michael Liener

In Memoriam

- 21 Peggy J. Wallace
- 21 Aurel Ludlum
- 26 John D. Gould

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The Vestry of the Parish

Sally Ludlum, Parish Warden
Jenn Wilkins
Cathy Berner
Ann Sullivan
Jake Wilkins
Melisa Eichmann
Virginia Becker, Treasurer



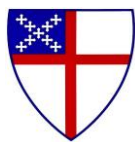
“And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood”

– Rev. 1:5

Christ the King Sunday

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