



Trinity Tidings

July 2026



Bishop Search Committee

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer break, thus far.

On **Sunday, July 26**, the last Sunday of the month, representatives from the Bishop Search Committee will make a

visit to Trinity. The purpose of this visit is for the congregation to offer our thoughts as the search process for the next Bishop Diocesan moves forward.

Our worship service on that day will be Morning Prayer, with hymns. This will allow us to gather together for an extended coffee hour in the parish hall with the committee representatives. The timeframe for this gathering will be no longer than ninety minutes of time.

I know many of us are, or will be, out of town in the coming weeks. A parish-wide email will soon be sent to the parish family as a save-the-date reminder, as well as for persons to respond with their thoughts. If you are unable to attend in person, I hope you will respond to that email with your comments. All responses made will be given to the committee on the day of our gathering.

Sunday, July 19: On this day, our wonderful organist will be away. As such, our worship together will be a *said* service of Holy Communion (no music).

Continue to be safe during this holiday season, JMC+

For our Country: Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, pg.820)

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Important dates in July:

Worship Schedule: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

July 5 – Holy Communion, with hymns.

July 12 – Holy Communion, with hymns.

July 19 – Holy Communion, *a said service*.

July 26 – Morning Prayer, with hymns.

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

Tea at the Episcopal Cottage, Chautauqua:
Tuesday, July 21.

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Episcopal News Service

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Work begins at Diocese of Atlanta site that will house Episcopal Church Archives

The Episcopal Church is breaking ground this week on a new facility to house its archival collections, on a 3.5-acre property in Oakwood, Georgia, that was the former home of the Diocese of Atlanta's St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church.

Site preparation work was [scheduled to begin June 22](#) on renovations of the former St. Gabriel's building and an expansion project that will turn the site into the first permanent home for The Episcopal Church Archives since 2021. The \$4.5 million project is expected to be completed by spring 2027.

The Episcopal Church Archives preserves documents and artifacts detailing centuries' worth of church history. For the past five years, the archives have occupied a temporary warehouse in Austin, Texas. The church previously had leased space from the Seminary of the Southwest for 60 years.

The new facility in Oakwood, about 45 minutes from Atlanta, will include offices, a reading room and 75% more storage space than the current facility in Austin. Lawrence Hitt II, an Executive Council member from the Diocese of Colorado, told other members of the church governing body [at its meeting last week](#).

Hitt, who chairs Executive Council's Governance & Operations Committee, also leads the church's [Archives Advisory Committee](#).

The project is the culmination of a 20-year effort to find a new home for The Episcopal Church Archives. Its collections include letters, diaries, photographs, motion pictures, plans, maps, certificates of ordination, journals of every diocese, various periodicals and magazines, church newspapers, paintings and parish histories.

General Convention first passed [a resolution in 2006 initiating the search](#). Early plans involved building a new facility on a property the church

purchased in Austin, but in 2018, the church chose instead to sell the undeveloped lot and make a temporary move into leased warehouse space.

In January 2024, Executive Council authorized negotiations for a potential long-term lease of space at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin, but later that year, church leaders broadened their scope to research a range of potential sites for consideration.

In June 2025, the church announced it had [chosen the property in the Diocese of Atlanta](#) as the new site. It had been vacant since the former St. Gabriel's Church had [ceased operations in October 2023](#).

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes May 19, 2026 As approved at the June Meeting

Present: Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Jake Wilkins, Junior Warden; Ann Sullivan; Janeil Rey; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Jenn Wilkins, Clerk; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Cathy Berner.

Call to Order: Father Clement called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Ginny Becker, seconded by Melisa Eichmann.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ginny Becker, seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Written report prepared by Virginia Becker and presented. Janeil Rey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Motion carried. See attached report.

- **General Fund:** All monthly obligations were met, which included payment to The

Observer (Holy Week notice), Amherst Pest Control, and R. Gloss for snow plowing. A reminder was sent with payment to Gloss as a reminder for next year: Plow the driveway and avoid the piling of snow against the parish hall south-facing wall.

- **Building Fund:** Current balance is \$241.34. A recent invoice was paid in the amount of \$250 for work done on the building downspouts. The expense of this work was donated by a parishioner.
- **Memorial Fund:** Current balance is \$4,212.28.
- **Music Fund:** Current balance is \$87.36. New checks will soon be ordered; the cost of which will be debited from this account.

Buildings & Ground: Reported by Fr. Clement.

- A new filter for the undercroft dehumidifier has been ordered.
- After recent checks, the undercroft rooms are free of additional water leaks. Garland Hall is dry at this time as well.
- We offer our gratitude, once again, to Rick Mekus. He continues to mow the lawn in front of the church building at no charge for us.

Congregational Ministries:

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Current balance is \$273. A deposit of \$60 was made. The next arrangements of altar flowers will be ready for pick-up this week.
- The guild invites everyone to sign-up for a Sunday to provide altar flowers for a special intention. The sign-up calendar and forms are located in Garland Hall.

TECW:

- The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m.
- Trinity will host tea at the Episcopal Cottage at Chautauqua Institution July 21. Donations of baked-goods for this event will be appreciated. A sign-up form will be located in Garland Hall.

College Kitchen:

- The Farm Festival Hot Dog Meal Giveaway will take place on Sunday, August 26.

- The recent Sonos Saxophone Quartet recital was well attended and the food donation was well received.

Rector's Report:

- The organist will be away on Sundays, May 31 and June 7. A substitute organist will be present on May 31; a said service of Holy Communion will be held on June 7.
- Newsletter will go out next week; please send items to the office by Monday, May 25.
- Saturday, June 20: Service of Holy Baptism is scheduled.
- The summer worship schedule on Sundays will begin on June 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Old Business

- N/A.

New Business

- **Fredonia Volunteer Fire Department:** Jake Wilkins made a motion for Trinity to donate \$100 to the annual fund drive for the fire department, which was seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Motion carried.
- The parish family offers our congratulations to Nathan Sercu on his graduation from JCC, and Lauren Sercu on her graduation from Niagara University.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Ann Sullivan. Carried.

Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Wilkins.

Parish Register

Burials

James P. Rider
June 17, 2026

Annette M. Rider
June 17, 2026

A Note from the Treasurer

How quickly we have reached the middle of year! Thank you all for honoring your pledges to this point. The second quarter giving statements will be going out early in July. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Have a safe and healthy summer!
Ginny Becker



Forward Movement Day by Day

Day by Day meditation booklets for the months of August, September, and October are now available.

Pick-up your free copy, today!

TECW

July 21, Tuesday
Episcopal House Tea
Chautauqua Institute

TECW has been asked to host the Tuesday Tea on July 21st. We have gained quite a reputation on the grounds for having one of the most varied and delicious tea offerings. If you would like to join us for the day, please sign up on the sheet on notice board in garland hall.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute a baked good, please note that on the form. We leave from the church parking lot around 10 o'clock and return by 4:30. It's a wonderful day on the grounds and a chance to chat with other Episcopalians from all over the country.

If you are unable to bake or attend but would like to support this mission, we are asked to bring small paper plates and napkins. There is a line for that on the sign-up sheet. Please get napkins and plates to Garland Hall by Sunday July 19th and leave them in the kitchen.

And, for security purposes we have to send a list of names of those attending to the institute by **July 14th**, so please sign up on the list in Garland Hall by **July 11th**.

--- Doreen Gould

Birthdays in July

- 6 Patti Cooper
- 7 Robert Maytum, Jr.
- 10 Rebecca Sedlmayer
- 13 Chris Eichmann
- 23 Sally J. Ludlum
- 24 Julie Maytum

In Memoriam

- 14 Susan Roberts

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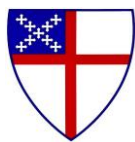
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*