



Trinity Tidings

October 2026

Autumn Harvest Potluck Luncheon



The Parish Family and Guests are invited to attend our potluck luncheon on Sunday, October 18, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

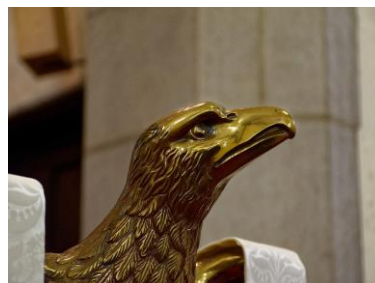
The main dish for our meal will be oven-roasted turkey. A sign-up form is located on the bulletin board in Garland Hall for persons to R.S.V.P, list the side-dish items you will bring, and the number of guests who will attend. See you there!

Episcopal 101: The adult Christian education series continues. The final sessions will be held in October, which will soon be scheduled by the participants at our second session together. All are welcome to join with us!

Bishop Diocesan Search: Summer of Listening Update. Information from the summer of listening project by the various congregations of the diocese has concluded. This report from the Search Committee has been printed out and a copy is located on the bulletin board of Garland Hall.

The summer months have flown by and Fall has arrived! I commend to you the various events that will take place at the parish in October.

--- Peace, James+



Thank You!!

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has taken up their role as a service participant for the 10:30 a.m. service!

As a part of the altar party, or as a lector or intercessor, etc., you enrich our worship of God and embody the expression of liturgy. (JMC+)

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Important dates in October:

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I, (Oct. 4 & 18);
10:30 a.m. – Choral Eucharist, Rt. II.

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

Potluck Luncheon: Sunday, Oct. 18.

Vestry Meeting: Monday, Oct. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Music Recital: Sunday, Oct. 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale: Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31.

Diocesan Convention: October 23-24.

Knitting Group: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Book Club: Wednesday, Oct. 21.



Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

July 21, 2026

As approved at the September Meeting

Present: Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Jake Wilkins, Junior Warden; Cathy Berner; Janeil Rey (video); Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Jenn Wilkins, Clerk; The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Ann Sullivan.

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

Meeting Agenda: Agenda approved with a motion made by Ginny Becker, seconded by Cathy Berner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Melisa Eichmann to approve the June 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

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

- General Fund: The regular monthly bills were paid as well as Amherst Exterminators (2nd application) and the bi-annual USPS box rent.
- Building Fund: Current balance is \$241.34.
- Memorial Fund: Current balance is \$4,212.28.
- Music Fund: Current balance is \$167.36.
- Investment Accounts: \$10,000 was transferred to the general fund.

Buildings & Ground: Reported by Father Clement.

- Thank you to Cathy and John Berner for having landscape work on the front flower beds.
- Discussion continues about the exterior wall of the parish hall. Jake Wilkins will initiate contact with persons about repair work. He will present Vestry with various options at the next meeting. We also need to be

cognizant of the ivy that is growing on the sides of the building to determine how to remove it.

Congregational Ministries:

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Contributions for flowers were recently received and a \$300 invoice was paid. The current balance is \$268.

TECW:

- The Tuesday Tea was hosted by Trinity at the Episcopal Cottage, Chautauqua Institution, on July 21st. Bonnie Liener reported that 60 people were served.

Rector's Report:

- The Thursday Knitting Group that meets at the parish is doing well. The group continues to enjoy being present on site. A Wednesday book club will soon begin meeting in the parish hall as well.
- The Rector's Class - Adult Christian Education will take place starting in September. This upcoming series will be an Episcopal 101/Confirmation class.
- The Sunday service (9:30 a.m.) will be held in the air-conditioned Garland Hall during the month of August.

Old Business

- The Parish Audit Committee: The committee conducted its audit of 2025 parish finances on Friday, June 26th. No issues noted in the audit. A motion was made by Cathy Berner, seconded by Janeil Rey to approve the report as submitted. The audit report will be submitted to the Diocese.

New Business

- Chautauqua County Rural Ministry: Melisa Eichmann made a motion, seconded by Jake Wilkins for Vestry to approve a \$100 donation to C.C.R.M. on behalf of the congregation. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. with a motion made by Ginny Becker, seconded by Melisa Eichmann. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Wilkins.

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Parish Notes

Chancel Choir



Our fall worship schedule has begun and we are grateful to have the return of the Chancel Choir to enrich our Sunday worship together!

We welcome all the choir members, especially the student choristers: Grace, Mia, Zachary, and Sean.

Message from the Parish Treasurer

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity and your generosity. Fall is officially here and soon third quarter pledge receipts will be sent your way. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

--- Ginny Becker



Music Recital

Sunday, October 25
at 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend a concert of music for Trumpet and Organ on Sunday, October 25th at 1:00pm at Trinity Church. Trinity organist Don Fellows and SUNY Fredonia trumpeter Ethan Wellington will present a 40-minute recital of works by Cornell, Charpentier, Telemann, Clarke, and Mouret.

Admission is free. No tickets are required. Come and hear some classic favorites for trumpet and organ.

+ TECW+

TECW meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2026
at 9:30 a.m. in Garland Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE

It's finally here

SALE – Friday, October 30, 9-3
Saturday, October 31, 9-12

Drop off items **beginning Sunday October 25**
following morning service.

We will be pulling out tables and setting up the hall after coffee on that day. Can you help? If Garland Hall is closed items may be left in vestibule-please make sure Items left are in *small easily movable containers*.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

All items must be clean, no years of dust or dirt or baked on crud ***Fall and winter clothing***, boots accepted – (think long sleeve, jackets, sweaters, etc.)

All clothes need to be clean, no tears, zippers working all buttons there, shoes, belts, hats, gloves, coats, jackets -no stains or tears.

We accept small working electronics, kitchen appliances, small pieces of furniture. Also, bedding-no holes or stains, kitchen linens decorative pillows, clean tools, utensils, kitchen items, Nic-Naks, holiday decor, clean Garden items (no dirt in pots, mud on items please) decorating items, children's toys, children's clothes, books for any age in good condition, games, complete puzzles, costume jewelry, craft materials.....

Drop off times: Monday, 10/26 - 9-2
Tuesday, 10/27 - 9-2
Wednesday, 10/28 - 9-noon

PLEASE SHARE ALL OF THIS WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, in case they have some items they are ready to pass along.

CAN YOU HELP with unpacking items set up or clean up? We need many hands to make this all work. An hour makes a difference. There is a signup sheet in Garland Hall as of October 3rd. Thank you for giving us the chance to rehome your treasures.

SOCKTOBER IS HERE

Trinity Episcopal Church Women will once again be spear heading a collection of **NEW socks** for any age or gender to be added to the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation October Drive. Please bring your donations to the box in the church entrance or box in the vestibule. We are looking for **NEW Socks** for **all ages and genders**. Please avoid socks that are below the ankle-they are best used in summer weather. Last year we were able to donate over 350!!!

-- Your TECW

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Lectionary Readings for October:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, October 4

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Birthdays in October

- 5 Lisa Sedlmayer
- 6 Bobbe Kennedy
- 6 Lauren Sercu
- 8 Jim Wright
- 9 Gloria Vento
- 12 Linda Liener
- 16 Fr. Robert Arnold
- 18 Peggy Tofil
- 24 Jenn Wilkins
- 26 Emily Ivey
- 27 Kurt Maytum

Wedding Anniversaries in October

- 12 Bonnie and Fred Liener
- 23 Mary Beth and Ray Chin

In Memoriam

- 11 Audrey Parker
- 12 Marie Shaw
- 21 Clint Kennedy
- 21 John Parker

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The Revd. James Clement, Rector

Donald Fellows, Organist

Sara Jagoda, Custodian

The Vestry of the Parish

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Jake Wilkins, Jr. Warden

Ann Sullivan

Cathy Berner

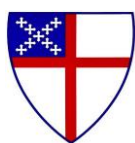
Janeil Rey

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