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JULY/AUGUST 2022

REGULAR Schedule:

- In-Person & Zoom Services Sundays @ 9:00am & 10:30am
- Zoom Outreach Leadership Meetings—2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM (Sept-May)
- "A" Team Breakfast—Ist Tuesday of the Month @ 8:45 AM
- "A" Team Building and Grounds Crew (at church) —Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Bible Study—Wednesdays @ 6:30pm.
- Evening Zoom Prayers—Thursdays @ 7:00pm.
- Ping Pong at Trinity—Thursday evenings @ 7:00 PM.



CELEBRATION of Ministry Milestones for Rev. Deborah Duguid-May!! On Sunday, June 26, 2022 we are having an in-person celebration at a pot-luck picnic lunch after the 10:30A outdoor service. The Milestones we are celebrating include Rev. Debs: 10th+ Anniversary of call to Trinity as the Priest-in-Charge in August 2010; 5th+ Anniversary of Official installation as the Rector at Trinity in April 2016; 50th birthday in June 2022!! Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass if you are able (no sign up needed). Hot dogs, rolls, paper plates, cutlery, napkins, and a cake will be provided. The service and lunch will be moved indoors in the event of rain. There is no 9:00 AM service that day but there will be a virtual Zoom celebration at 9:00 AM using the usual Zoom link. Please consider joining us for this celebration of faith and life and love!!

<u>Labyrinth Walks this Summer:</u> All are welcome to join us for Summer Labyrinth Walks. These are short (20to 30-minute) walks in a circular pattern that allow us to quietly focus on mindfulness and meditation. Those of us with religious faith also focus on prayer. If you are new to labyrinth walks, it's easy to learn. We will explain how we do it. Summer Tuesdays -- July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23 -- at 12:00 noon; After each walk, we'll have time to reflect and share our spiritual experiences with each other. Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch for time of fellowship. There are some benches here, but consider bringing a lawn chair if it's convenient for you. For more information, contact the church office at 585-225-7848. Blessings from Trinity Episcopal Church! Note: The Trinity Labyrinth is always open to the public. Anyone is welcome to come any time to walk, meditate, and enjoy.

Outdoor Services: Over the Summer we will be having our Outdoor Picnic Services. There will only be one service, outdoors at 10:30am to encourage us all to get to know each other. Please bring your lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets and stay for lunch thereafter. Any bring and share dishes you would like to contribute would be wonderful. The dates will be July 31st and August 28th.

Rummage Sale AUGUST 4th, 5th & 6th: Please Plan to bring "items" you previously enjoyed and no longer want to our 2022 Trinity Rummage Sale. Your once loved item could be someone else treasure! Items that are needed: We are interested in anything that is functional, in good condition and clean, including clothing, house wares, books, jewelry, games, toys, furniture, holiday decorations, picture frames, artwork, sporting goods, and tools. We do NOT want analog tv, bowling balls or children car seats. The items should be dropped off in the smaller room or the holding area. The path to the window must be kept clear in the room as this is designated as an exit by the fire department. Donations of boxes, paper bags, CLOTHING RACKS and recycling grocery bags are welcome too. Volunteering opportunities—Volunteers are welcome to participate in the pricing of items (Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon). Volunteers are also needed to sign up for the three work days for the rummage sale.

We are on a Journey

Letter from Rt. Rev. Bishop Steve

Fellow Sojourners,

In my journeys around the diocese for Sunday visitations and to meet with clergy, I'm discovering what all of you already know: we're tired. We're tired of the pandemic and the constraints it has placed on us. We're tired of two years of uncertainty. We're discouraged that we seem to be facing an unending string of Covid variants and surges. We're tired of having to offer hybrid worship to an increasingly diverse community. We desperately want things to return to days of stability and predictability and to function in the ways we're most comfortable. We want to be together again and for everyone to come back to church.

The pandemic gets a lot of blame for our tiredness. We have been stretched in ways we never imagined just to offer worship week by week. Yet, truth be told, the pandemic in many ways simply accelerated and clarified trends that were well underway before March 2020. The things we grew up with – rising wealth, lots of Episcopal children – are things of the past. Our congregations have been aging, membership has been declining, for more than two decades. Our need to connect with young people in new ways and to be present in our communities in new ways has been an ongoing challenge. Our red doors no longer attract interest.

Much of what we have been as The Episcopal Church has depended on stability. Income streams for parishes, career tracks for clergy, and work in our communities have relied on the expectation that things won't change much from year to year, except to improve slightly. And that world is gone. We all know that from watching our children try to find career paths and stable employment. We all know that from watching our parish incomes decline. So, what to do? That's the question the Diocesan Council and the Trustees have begun to wrestle with in talking about Mission Strategy. Our strategy has been to support parishes through Congregational Development and Mission Partnership grants. Is that strategy working? Is there a strategy that might be more effective in providing clergy leadership and strengthening parish missions? How might we connect more effectively with our communities?

My own sense is that we need to be willing to try new things, to take risks, to seek partnerships with community groups and businesses, in ways we haven't before. We need to recognize that online worship will continue to exist alongside worship in person and that the pandemic will continue to demand flexibility. When something is working well, we need to affirm and support it. When something isn't working, we need to ask why we keep doing it.

Finally, and perhaps most important, we need to take care of ourselves. Rest and refreshment are essential in this environment. We need to enjoy the summer. And we need to trust that God walks with us, that God may be in all the chaos inviting us to new ways of being. God loves us even when we don't feel loved. So, say your prayers, spend time with your loved ones, and look for God to show up in unexpected ways. We're on a journey, and the only thing we can do now is take the next step.

Faithfully, +Steve

Vestry Highlights

By Linda Ketchum-Pompili

At each monthly meeting, the Vestry typically has standard agenda items: Rector's report (which includes an overview of our priest's pastoral care work and recent funerals, baptisms, marriages; her ministry work; and her administrative work); the Wardens' report (from Nate Wade & Lynn Ringholz), Outreach missions report, and Trinity Lamb Preschool report. The Vestry also reviews monthly financial reports: Revenues & Expenses for both the church and preschool; Paid Invoice list for the church, and Balance Sheet for all church accounts.

Highlights below include some of the topics Vestry discussed and/or decided at two recent meetings.

April 25, 2022 Vestry Meeting:

Thank you to Lee Stoddard for installing new equipment in the library to prepare future Vestry and Bible Study meetings to be offered as hybrid in-person & online.

Rev. Debs reported 18 people are exploring becoming members of Trinity. She is reaching out to them with cards ands in-person visits. One person from the neighborhood who received the Palm Sunday

flowers has attended Sunday services.

A written statement about Hybrid In-Person & Online Worship is being developed for Vestry review at the May meeting.

May 16, 2022 Vestry Meeting:

The Vestry tried a hybrid meeting with 5 members attending remotely on Zoom and 7 members attending in-person in the library. Thank you to Bob Romanet who assisted with the setup.

Bob Romanet presented two proposals from the A-Team (Building & Grounds): 1) Removal of a large fir tree hear the Parish Hall because accumulation of fallen needles interferes with the outside drainage system and causes leaks in the roof. 2) Removal of the raised gardens on the south side of the building and replacing them with lawn grass. The water source will remain so it can be used in the future. Both proposals were agreed to by the Vestry.

The Outreach Committee recommended Trinity support the Rural & Migrant Ministry's 2022 Summer Camp youth intern with \$1500 from the Fredlund Youth Fund. Vestry agreed.

The Vestry provided feedback on the Hybrid In-Person & Online Worship statement, requesting that it present a balanced view of the advantages of both the in-person and the online experience.

For the August 4-6 Rummage Sales, which brings more visitors to Trinity than any other event during the year, ideas were discussed for providing those visitors with information about Trinity and inviting them to return on a Sunday.

Names of Your Wardens and Vestry Members:

Wardens: Nate Wade & Lynn Ringholz. Vestry members: Barbara Deming, Jack Eddy, Linda Ketchum-Pompili, Myrna Lawrence-Waters, Mary Smith, Kelley Stoll, Elizabeth Thorpe, Katelyn Quartuccio, Dottie Vassalo. Clerk of the Vestry: Dorothy Romanet.

Vestry minutes and detailed finance reports are available in the parish office.



May Y-T-D	Budget Y-T-D
1,674	359
331	278
415	927
75,200	60,282
2,183	2,083
17,400	10,892
2,220	1,220
99,423	76,041
21,551	19,963
83	118
54,968	60,133
7,182	7,182
2,387	1,230
0	0
0	0
1,018	1.333
7,845	7,873
95,034	97,832
4,389	-21,791
	1,674 331 415 75,200 2,183 17,400 2,220 99,423 21,551 83 54,968 7,182 2,387 0 0 1,018 7,845 95,034

Mutual Ministry— Foundation of Vision Planning

By Linda Ketchum-Pompili

Vision Planning at Trinity is based on the Mutual Ministry brainstorm process that began in 2017. We are grateful to Laurie Phillips, who was Warden in 2017, for documenting all the brainstorm notes. The Vestry and congregation at that time explored these questions:

* What challenges/opportunities does the church face over the next 5-10 years?



- * How can we prepare ourselves?
- * Describe a way your life has been touched by your participation in or experiencing the mission/ministry of this church?
- * How do we invite members into participation?
- * How can we improve?
- * What do you see as the mission of this church?

What is Mutual Ministry?

"Mutual Ministry" is a term given to the concept of shared ministry and leadership in a congregation. It's an approach to Christian ministry lived out of the promises made in baptism. It sees the whole congregation, not just the clergy, as the primary ministry.

According to Virginia Theological Seminary, congregations are struggling to afford priests and many priests were trained for a model of church that no longer exists. "Mutual Ministry" shifts from the model where professional clergy are the sole minister that others gather around — to a collaborative and Biblical (Acts 2) framework where ordained clergy serve alongside and among a community of ministers (people of the congregation).

Learning from A-Team and Bible Study group I had the pleasure of joining the A-Team breakfast at the Panorama diner on Tuesday, June 7. More than 20 parishioners were there. John Montstream gave an entertaining oral history of the A-Team (also known as "the Fixers", also known as Building & Grounds team). I was struck by stories of the innovative and unorthodox solutions they invented over the years to solve building maintenance and tech upgrade challenges — exactly the kind of thinking we need for planning Trinity's future.

At recent Bible Study groups (Wednesday evenings on Zoom), Rev. Debs provided a few minutes at the end to talk about Mutual Ministry and Vision Planning. What we're learning in Bible Study about "Spiritual Gifts" ties in well with Mutual Ministry. Thank you to all who provided feedback at the June 15 Bible Study (and in follow-up phone calls with me over the next few days), including John Barvian, Linda Bohrer, Laurie Phillips, Carol Lush-Ehmann, and Pat Mayne.

You are invited to participate:

If anyone would like to participate in a Mutual Ministry Vision Planning focus group to share ide-

as, please contact Linda at Linda. Aug22@outlook.com or call/text her at (585) 434-8649. We can set up time in-person or on Zoom. In-person groups can meet at the church building when it's open, or at the Ketchum-Pompili home in Greece (with drinks, snacks, and refreshments). And we may continue to spend a few minutes on this topic at the end of Wednesday evening Bible Study if time permits. Please contact Linda if you'd like a copy of the 2017 Mutual Ministry brainstorm notes and the Vision Planning slides discussed at Bible Study.

Building & Grounds





Every Tuesday morning A-Team members come to Church to do a variety of routine tasks and any needed "fixes". Attendance is still low.

The problem with our "high water" alarm turning on when there is not a problem with high water has been resolved. The problem was the old sensors that were failing. We replaced the three old ones and added a new sensor to the new sump located in the old teen room (NW corner basement room).

The Town has made the pickup of the stacked sticks and branches. Thank you Jim W..

The roof gutters and drains on the west side of daycare get loaded with pine needles and cones. The downspout screens work too well as the needles in the screens keeps the water from flowing properly. The Vestry has approved taking down "the only pine tree" to solve this problem.

One of the two-wheeled hand trucks was having trouble with its wheels. Phil replaced both with two new ones. Thank you Phil H..

Jay Chapman of Breman Development Inc. is presently looking for an appropriate tree to replace the dead one on our road in from North Ave.

A new gasoline Stihl string trimmer was purchased as the old one that was used by John B. to keep the labyrinth looking neat and trim was old, leaked oil and unreliable. The new trimmer is easier to use and takes less time to keep all looking good. Thank you John B.

Still in Progress:

- ◆ The downspout on the east side of the Parish Hall is still plugged up by leaves from a nearby bush/tree. Hope we can get to unplug it soon.
- Peter M. and Phil H. have been looking into the condition of and the operation of the rheostats for the ceiling lights in the Nave along with determining why 5 side lights on the east side of the Nave are not lighting. Our thinking is to by pass the rheostats which should make the wiring easier to trace and analyze.
- The French drain project is still not completely resolved. A steel plate over the drain may be a better solution than a "fill board" for the French drain to provide an almost flush surface with the existing floor. Some finishing work is still needed so water cannot bypass the drain. A water driven sump pump has been purchased and will be installed soon as a backup pump.

The Jobs List is, as always, a w_ k in p_ s

Greece Crop Walk Totals

By Rob John

The totals came in and almost \$8,500 was raised by the 7 churches (Aldersgate, Bethany, Greece Baptist, Greece UMC, John Knox, Messiah and Trinity). Linda John Interlichia and I want to thank everyone who supported us on the May 1st walk as over \$480 was raised by our team! Thanks again—Rob!

Greece Food Shelf: The Greece Food shelf always welcomes donations. If any member would like to donate you may drop them off at Trinity during Lisa's office hours or on Sunday. Bob Romanet has graciously volunteered to pick up any items from your home for either the Greece Food Shelf or the Blessing Pantry if needed. We bless the food for the pantry on one Sunday of the month. Thank you!

Outreach Team Update

By Lynn Ringholz, Outreach Leadership Team Chair

Your donations to the Humanitarian Fund during our Lenten Ministry focus raised \$570.00. We gave a check for \$570 to Justice for Migrant Families Western New York (WNY) when we met with them on June 4, 2022. The Humanitarian Fund al-

lows the Trinity Outreach Committee to provide much-needed resources to organizations in our outreach missions.

Justice for Migrant Families WNY provides direct support for people who are released from detention or who continue to be detained. Their organization provides commissary, pen pals, and books to people detained at the Buffalo Federal Detention Center. They train volunteers to meet people who are being released, now at the Buffalo downtown bus station, and buy them bus and plane tickets, get them housing, clothes, food, and information for getting home. They also provide housing, food, transportation, and accompaniment for people from all over New York State and the country who have to come back to Buffalo after release for court and immigration check-ins.

The Good Samaritans Field Trip on June 4 was a day of engaged learning and prayer, and a wonderful experience. Know that your donation had a direct impact on the lives of a very marginalized and vulnerable community. Thank you for your generous, kind, and compassionate support!

Tutoring Opportunity

By Fred Fant

If you have been thinking about volunteering for the Tutoring Project with RCSD this fall, there is still time, but please act quickly! We would like to meet with RCSD with the volunteer applications in July to allow time for the background checks and the training session. Go to RCSDk12.org, click on the community tab and open the Become a Volunteer page. You will find a link to an application. Fill it out and send it to RCSD or print out the filled out application and give to Fred Fant. Or take one of the packets on the table by the Library. Thank you.

Hearty Congratulations!

Darek Whitcomb—SUNY Brockport Bachelor degree with a major in Health Science and a minor in Coaching (Grandson of Sharon Burch).

Emma Barstow— Graduated from Victor High School, Attending Ithaca University in the Fall (Granddaughter of Doug and Joan Barstow)

Shaun M. Bohrer Memorial Scholarships Awarded

By Linda Bohrer

On Sunday, June 12, the 2022 Scholarship Committee was pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Shaun M. Bohrer Memorial Scholarships. This year's Trinity Episcopal Church award goes to **Robert Romanet**, from Greece Athena High School. Robbie is an active member of Trinity. The \$500 awards will be used to further his educa-



tion. Robbie will be attending St. Bonaventure and is the son of Jeff & Stephanie Romanet and grandson to Bob & Dorothy Romanet. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

At Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, in Daytona Beach, Florida, the \$500 scholarship was awarded to Fernado Avila.

Each year the Committee strives to select the candidates who are most "Shaun-like." The two young men who are this year's recipients are perfect choices as they are motivated to academically excel, are committed to their faith, express reverence for God and demonstrate service.

Welcome Summer Sunday School!!

By Pam Fitzmorris

It's that time of year again. It's time for summer Sunday school! Our Summer Sunday school will run on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and is open to students ages 4-21. Each class will include a fun craft to bring home. We hope to see tons of kids in Sunday school this summer! We will have so much fun!

Who wants to. Teach Sunday school?

Do you love kids? We know you love the Lord. If you answered yes, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. Come and help us share God's love

with the youngest members of our Trinity family. Sunday school will begin in September and will meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. If you have any questions or are interested in this fun and important ministry, please contact Pam at 721-8850.



Trinity Lamb School

By Kim Branco, Lead Teacher

Open House—Will be from 6:00 pm till 7:30pm on August 29th for the 4 year old program and August 30th for the 3 year old program. Trinity Lamb is a private preschool for children 3, 4, and 5 years of age. We provide an educational program designed to develop a child's intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual growth. Openings are still available in our 2022/2023 program please email TrinityLamb@gmail.com or phone 225-8026 to schedule a visit or for more information.

Ministry Teams Need HELP

No experience required! Where are you called to serve?

- Building and Grounds (also called the A-Team) maintains our facility and grounds. They meet every Tuesday morning for work and fellowship.
- **Projection Team** members have several ways to share their technical gifts. They create the Power Point presentations for services. They can also share the Power Point and/or act as Zoom Host for our Sunday Hybrid Services.
- Counters do a weekly accounting of the money in our pledge income, Sunday collection plate offering, and donations. They also prepare the Trinity bank deposit for that week.
- Altar Guild helps care for the altar, its furnishings and linens as well as prepare for the weekly service.
- Lay Readers share the good word for our weekly Sunday services.
- Ushers seat guests and maintain order and security at our Sunday Services.
- Outdoor gardens need upkeep and mainte-

nance. There are many gardens through out Trinity's property complex (i.e. Trinity lane entrances and walkways, the columbarium, etc.) Please stop over and pick a garden to spruce up.

• Coffee Hour needs a new coordinator. We hope to resume this time of fellowship and sharing in the Fall.

Help is always appreciated. Please contact the office, Rev. Debs, or any member of vestry for information on any of our working teams. Thank you!!!!



- ⇒ Lisa will be taking vacation the weeks of 6/26 and 7/3 and a few other days over the Summer. For administrative needs please call the warden, Lynn Ringholz at (585) 773-0730. The office will be open on Tuesdays the weeks Lisa will be away with the "A" team here and Rev. Debs.
- ⇒ Address Change for Anne Young: Please update your directories Anne is now residing at The Village at Mill Landing, Apt. 202, 45 Mill Rd, 14626, Phone: 730-8238 and E-Mail: agyoung110@hotmail.com
- ⇒ Don't forget to keep Recycling Bottles and Cans: Just bring them to Trinity or you may return them directly to Ridge Nickelback at 4945 W Ridge Rd and Trinity will get cash for your returns!

The Prayers Of The People

To my Trinity Family,
I would like to thank you all for your cards,
encouraging words, and other expressions
of your love and friendship. My brother's
sudden death have taken its toll on everyone who knew him. I personally feel robbed
of the years that we could have spent together. I continue to struggle with his death
and ask for your continued prayers during
this most difficult time.—Myrna

Our Trinity Prayer List is an opportunity to pray for one another. If you have a family member or friend experiencing an illness or difficult time for whatever reason, please let our priest in charge know, call the office 225-7848 or email <u>office@trinity-greeceny.org</u> to request their name be added to

our prayer list. Please specify long term or short term. Our long term prayers is 90 days and short term prayers for 30 days.



July/August

7 1 Melissa Bruehl, Steven Palmer, Gerald Stoll

7 3 Michael Cone

7 5 Ray Janis, Katharina Romanet

_ 7 6 Lily Wade

77 Marsha Hazen

7 8 Julie Walsh, Sandra Cashimere

7 9 Philip Hazen

7 11 Karen Luvisi

7 17 Janet McGavern

7 21 John Barvian

7 22 Paul Antonowicz

7 29 Kimberly Branco 7 30 John Montstream, Brian Mossa

8 1 Kelley Stoll, Leighton Stoddard

8 3 Darek Whitcomb, Emma Klingzahn,

8 3 Milldred Lowe, Shari Crisafulli

8 4 Adrianna Fuller

8 6 Gail Janis

8 10 Anna Walsh

8 11 Joseph Witz

8 12 Kayla Lehmann 8 13 Christina Interlichia, Margaret Setzer,

8 13 Dominic Fuller

8 15 Emma Branco

8 17 Stacy Wentworth

8 25 Karen Joyce

8 27 Sydney John

8 29 Robert John

8 30 Myrna Lawrence-Waters

Those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:

Edward & Sandra Ostrowski - July 2nd
Carl & Elizabeth Thorpe - July 9th
Joseph & Sandra Cashimere - August 4th
Francis & Kimberly Branco, Jr. - August 7th
Richard & Sharon Burch - August 9th
Michael & Melissa Lehmann - August 9th
Frederick & Carol Rogers - August 19th
Michael & Robin Yergeau, Sr - August 20th
Vincent & Mary Smith - August 26th
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Schumacher - August 27th

Remembering those who have died:

Please notify the church office to reserve specific Sunday dates for memorials of Family members or any loved ones via the Sanctuary Candle.



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