



Trinity Tidings

August 2018

Independence and Future Prosperity

This past Independence Day we celebrated the birth of our country and remembered the men and women who dedicated their lives to a cause of forming a new nation. At a time when it was accepted and commonplace for a people to seek rule under a monarch or an autocrat, suddenly a republic was established. Born from revolution, this new order was radical in nature as it set a course towards liberty and freedom.

Following a period of intense military and civilian conflict, these former colonists moved forward into a process of self-determination not only for the country itself, but also for each citizen. For us living at the start of the twenty-first century, our process of self-determination continues.

The people of the Episcopal Church understand that our faith tradition has a direct link to the ideals that took shape at the time of the American Revolution. As the former English, or Anglican, Church in the colonies, we were established under this new light of freedom. This concept is certainly expressed in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Our current BCP retains the Preface as printed in the 1789 edition of the BCP, the first prayer book authorized for use following the revolution. In reading this preface, a particular paragraph is worth noting:

But when in the course of Divine Providence, these American States became independent with respect to civil government, their ecclesiastical independence was necessarily included; and the different religious denominations of Christians in these States were left at full and equal liberty to model and manner as they might judge most convenient for their future prosperity; consistently with the constitution and laws of their country (BCP, pg. 10).

The recent meeting of General Convention at Austin, Texas, is a reminder that this process of self-determination continues. While this event was a time for many people from the wider Church to assemble, much of our focus is set on the local level. With this in mind, what does this statement from the preface of the prayer book mean for us here at Trinity Church? I believe it holds great meaning for us.

We are, after all, stewards of this parish and we have a set purpose. It is to proclaim the Gospel as we express our Baptismal Covenant among the parish family and the wider community. Our work and the decisions we make will carry forward into a future congregation.

As we now enter into a new chapter in the long life of Trinity Church, let us examine various aspects of our parish life and mission: what works, what can be reorganized, how might something be better utilized for our common life and vocation? Vestry and I, along with others, have begun to set a new course of action as we prepare for a new season.

May we honor our past by recalling what we have inherited and, with our full trust in God, move forward and boldly into our future prosperity.

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for your wonderful welcome to me upon my arrival to Fredonia this month. Thank you for your kind words, notecards, gift cards, and the various food items. And many thanks to the Sunshine Group!

Blessings, Fr. Jim

ECW Summer News

Thank You!!

- ❖ A special thanks to all the women who took part in the Episcopal Cottage Tea at the Chautauqua Institution.



- ❖ Keep boxing up those bits and pieces you'd like to add to the Fall Rummage Sale.



- ❖ Just a reminder to continue collecting those quarters for our stocking project that every year helps those internationally and those close to our diocese.

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It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Susan O'Neil Roberts, wife of Bill Roberts. She died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at her home.

Sue and Bill have been faithful members of Trinity for many years. She served on the Altar Guild and was very active in the Fredonia community. The funeral was held at the church on Friday, July 20.

Our condolences go to Bill and the family for their loss.

The Window Restoration Following the progress of the work



Stained Glass Resources (SGR) returned to Fredonia to remove the "Alpha and Omega" window. This is the oldest window in our church. Early in June, Northwood Restoration discovered that the sill on this window had deteriorated beyond repair and needed to be replaced. The window was removed so that this work can be done. It was discovered that this window also was in need of being re-leaded. Our precious "Alpha and Omega" window will be returned with the other windows in the fall.

August Outreach: Backpacks and School Supplies



We continue collecting Backpacks and School Supplies for the Boys and Girls Club. We are in need of the followings supplies.

- Backpacks – new or gently used (no rips or tears)
- Pocket folders, Composition Books
- Pencils, Mechanical Pencils, Pens
- Erasers
- Notebooks – 1 subject & 3 subject, Filler paper
- Color pencils, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Binders – 1" & 2"

Please bring your contributions to Garland Hall no later than **Sunday, August 19.**



Ministries

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Immediately following the
9:30 Service

*** *Trinity Needs Your
Help* ***

We really, really do!!!

As our church moves forward with our new rector, it is the hope that being a member of Trinity can also mean helping in the weekly services from time to time.

Join Father Jim and the Vestry for breakfast sweets, coffee, and an informal discussion after the service.

*We offer a great deal of thanks to
Lisa Schultz for all of her hard work
compiling the Parish Newsletter
over the past decade.
Thank You, Lisa, job well done!*



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 9th

Trinity's worship schedule will resume with two Sunday services beginning on September 9th.

This is an exciting time for Trinity to begin a new Fall with Father Jim.

Beginning on September 9th

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(note earlier time)

10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II

A Message from Bishop Bill about General Convention

I want to share with you today my thoughts on two significant decisions made by our recent General Convention that I find to be most promising as we move forward as the Body of Christ and as the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

First, the Book of Common Prayer. Contrary to what a lot of news reports said, nothing is changing with the 1979 Prayer Book. As a matter of fact, the 2018 Convention voted to "memorialize" the book which means, unless another action of Convention changes it, the BCP 1979 will remain an official prayer book of The Episcopal Church. What Convention did do is to authorize for use adapted versions of Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D for trial use. These prayers will be available digitally for use beginning on Advent 1, 2018. You can contact Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims for details on how to

get access to these. The adapted prayers offer more expansive language for God, moving us beyond male pronouns for our Creator. No one must use these prayers, although I encourage parishes to experiment with them and to provide your feedback to Canon Cathy which she will then forward to a special task force that will be appointed by the General Convention leadership.

Additionally, marriage. The General Convention adopted a policy making marriage available to all people in their home parishes. There are eight bishops, who, in spite of the decision of General Convention on marriage in 2015, refused to allow the marriage rites written for same gender couples to be used in their dioceses. The 2018 General Convention made two significant decisions regarding marriage equality: all marriage rites, those in the BCP 1979 and those in alternative texts —“I Will Bless You and You Will Be A Blessing”—are available to all couples seeking the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. All canonical requirements for a clergy person to sanctify a marriage apply equally to all couples. I think you all know my convictions concerning marriage which is why the negative response to the marriage issue has pained me greatly.

When same gender marriage was first approved by the state of New York in 2011 and then by the Church (at the 2012 General Convention) I met with people from across our Diocese to discuss this issue. I heard opinions all across the spectrum and made my decision known clearly in 2012—same gender marriage was allowed in our Diocese.

I made a conscious decision to perform my first same gender marriage in January 2013 when I married the late Deacon Pete Dempsey-Sims and Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims. I beheld how their love grew over time and their bonds of marriage deepened. When I buried Deacon Pete in November of 2017 the grief Cathy felt (and feels) was and is no different than the grief that any wife would have at the death of her spouse.

The debate about the marriage rites at the 2018 General Convention hit close to home for our entire WNY deputation and I was proud of the testimony that Canon Cathy gave on the floor of the House of Deputies and which I then referenced in a speech on the floor of the House of Bishops as we debated

the marriage resolution. As always, I am happy to discuss the theology of marriage with anyone in our Diocese.

General Convention made many more important decisions, including the need to dismantle racism across the Church (and we now have a new commission to dismantle racism in our Diocese). We addressed sexual abuse issues, refining the clergy discipline process and much much more.

In the light of the significance of so much that happened at Convention, I invite all of you to attend a session on General Convention actions to be held at a program to be offered by our deputation at the DMC on September 11, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. I have encouraged all the clergy to attend and invite any laity who wish to learn more to attend as well.



Introducing our Hymns for Worship

Have you noticed something a little different?

Ji Hyun, our organist, has been asked to play the **entire hymn tune** before we begin singing!! This is to help the congregation become more familiar with the tune before we actually start singing. With the absence of our choral leader in the summer this is very helpful. And when the choir returns it will help us all to know any new hymns that are being introduced.

Please know that this change is also aimed to help persons joining us for worship who are not accustomed with the liturgy.

Lectionary readings for Sundays in August.

The readings may be found at
www.lectionarypage.com
We are using "Track One"

August 5: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35
Psalm 51:1-13

August 12: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51
Psalm 130

August 19: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58
Psalm 111

August 26: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 22-30, 41-43
Ephesians 6:10-21
John 6:56-69
Psalm 84

PARISH REGISTER

Burial

Susan O'Neil Roberts
July 20, 2018

Birthdays in August

- 7 Alberto Rey
Patricia Rosing
Roy Smith
- 8 Stephanie Marsh
- 9 Dana W. Wheelock
- 10 Linda Ingham
Fran Gambino
Kelley Brown
- 11 Christa Nuber
Noah Smith
- 15 Mary Beth Liener Chin
- 16 Jeanette Adamczak
- 17 Sandra Ingham Brown
- 18 John K. Ingham
- 21 Doreen Gould
Gretchen Wheelock-Garvey
- 22 Janelle Mosier
- 25 Russell Kyte
- 26 James Wheelock
- 29 Ron Sercu
- 30 Sharon Wallace
- 31 Allen Brown

Wedding Anniversaries in August

- 3 John and Cathy Berner
- 5 Ray and Amy Smith
- 13 Chuck and Kari Pierce
- 16 Robert and Shirley Coon
- 17 Dominic and Lisa Schultz
- 22 Ron and Diane Sercu
- 25 Allen and Sandy Brown

In Memoriam

- 3 Alice Sam
- 8 Anita Day
- 14 Fran Ritenburg
- 17 Victor Jonus
- 18 Rosalie Williams
- 26 Mina Lee Sahle
- 30 Raymond Wallace

Worship Server Schedule – August

Date	Time	Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
5 August	9:30	Lisa Schultz	Sally Ludlum	Lisa Schultz	Vicki Jakiela and Judy Reynolds	Lisa Sedlmayer
12 August <i>Holy Baptism</i>	9:30	Lisa Schultz	Diane Sercu	Judy Reynolds	Lee Blackburn and Patricia Cooper	n/a
19 August	9:30	Sally Ludlum	Emily Ivey	Jim Ivey	John Berner and Cathy Berner	Bobbe Kennedy
26 August	9:30	Lucille Bryant	Sally Ludlum	(open)	Fred Liener and Bonnie Liener	Emily Ivey

Parish Support Schedule – August

Date	Altar Guild	Lemonade	Counters
5 August	Fr. Jim	Mary Lou Vercant	Ginny Becker
12 August	Diane Sercu	Cathy Berner	Melisa Eichmann and Ginny Becker
19 August	Sally Ludlum	(open)	Jim Ivey and Emily Ivey
26 August	Emily Ivey	The Wardens	Jack/Sue Torrance and Lucy Bryant

Please bring your **ARTWORK FOR GARLAND HALL!**

What inspires you during our beautiful Fall season?

The images are plentiful with spectacular array of colors, the smell of grapes, the cornucopia of apples, pumpkins, and squash.

We will be hanging new artwork on September 22.

All work is invited to celebrate this time of year.



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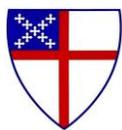
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“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” Ephesians 1:2

