



Trinity Tidings

December 2018

Advent Arrives: Joyous Expectation



On Sunday, December 2, we commence a new Church year, Eucharistic Lectionary Year C, with the season of Advent. From the Latin word “to come to” Advent is a time for our preparation and anticipation. Since the sixth century the season has been set aside as a time for us to direct our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming, in addition to the anniversary of our Lord’s first coming at Christmas.

The use of the liturgical color Sarum blue, or violet, reminds us that this is a time of repentance and forgiveness and hope in order that we may clean house spiritually and prepare ourselves to receive Christ as our guest. The start of this new liturgical year also offers us the opportunity of new beginnings, as individuals and as a parish family. I invite you to take part in the various opportunities offered for parish gatherings together.

During these next few weeks, may we be open to the Holy Spirit to direct our minds and our hearts as we recall the event of the Incarnation and, with joyous expectation, look forward to the time when Christ will usher in the life of the world to come.



I want to offer my gratitude to everyone for the Celebration of New Ministry service and reception held on Sunday, November 4. It was a wonderful celebration to mark the beginning of a new chapter in the long history of this parish church.

A joyous time was had by members of the parish family and our guests, which included Bishop Franklin and Canon Dempsey-Sims.

Thank you to the reception planners, congregation representatives, service participants, musicians, choir members, and everyone who attended.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25, Stained Glass Resources returned to Fredonia to install the final restored window in the church building. All of the windows have returned and the work is complete! An article about the windows and update on the restoration project will appear in the January newsletter.

By way of appointment from the Bishop Franklin, I have accepted the invitation to serve a one-year term on Diocesan Council. I look forward to representing the people in this region of our diocese on council.



On Friday, December 7, the parish family and our guests are invited to join together to celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Visit the site, www.stnicholascenter.org for more information and items related to Nicholas. The St. Nicholas Center is dedicated to telling the story of Nicholas, as well as the truth about the true Santa Claus.

Nicholas was born in the 3rd century in Asia Minor. He used his entire inheritance to help the poor, the sick, and children in need. He gave in secret, expecting nothing in return. He attended the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. Greatly loved for his faith, compassion, and care, Nicholas is venerated in both East and West.

Having saved young women from slavery, protected sailors, spared innocents from execution, provided grain in a famine, and rescued a kidnapped boy. Nicholas is the Patron saint of children, innocents, and others in need.

St. Nicholas Festival: We will gather to remember this saint and his example for life with Evensong in the church at 5:30 p.m. A festive supper will follow in Garland Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a new and unwrapped toy to Evensong as a donation to Toys for Tots organization.

Vestry will provide the main dish of Beef-on-Weck. Members of the parish family are asked to bring a generous dish to share, either a side dish, a salad, or a dessert. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Garland Hall.

There will be live music during supper, as well as a visit from St. Nicholas himself! Come join the fun!

I commend to you the following important dates for December in our parish life:

Adult Christian Education: Sundays, Dec. 2-16, 9:00 a.m., Garland Hall; *The Redemption of Scrooge, Sessions 2, 3, and 4.*

T.E.C.W Christmas Gathering: Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church Women gathering at the home of Judy Reynolds.

St. Nicholas Festival: Friday, Dec. 7, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.; Festival Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Garland Hall. *Please bring a new, unwrapped toy as our offering during the worship service.*

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Fredonia Place: Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room; Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Decorating of the church: the congregation and guests are invited to decorate the church for Christmastide, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 23.

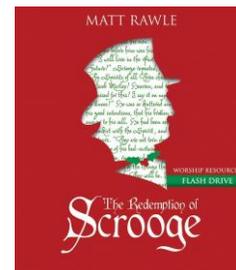
Eve of the Nativity – Christmas Eve: Festive Choral Eucharist; Monday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Holy Eucharist, with hymns; Tuesday, Dec. 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Peace, Fr. Jim

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Adult Christian Education Series



The Redemption of Scrooge
Sundays, Nov. 25 – Dec. 16, 2018
at 9:00 a.m. in Garland Hall.

This four-week Advent study is part of the Pop Culture Bible study series by Matt Rawle. The classic novel by Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol, is a story of brokenness and redemption. We find the main character, Ebenezer Scrooge, at the start of the story as an unrepentant miser whose greed has caused harm to himself and others and concludes with him a changed – a redeemed – man. Just as Christ brings light and hope to a world in darkness, the events of A Christmas Carol shine

light into the darkness surrounding Scrooge's life, ultimately leading him to embrace the peace, hope, love, and joy we associate with Christmas.

I invite you to join with me each Sunday morning during this study, which includes a short video presentation and group discussion based on the four main parts of this literary work: (1) the opening and visit of Jacob Marley's ghost, (2) the visit of the Ghost of Christmas Past, (3) the visit of the Ghost of Christmas Present, (4) the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.

We will examine how we can draw from the past, present, and future important truths about brokenness and redemption, in addition to the Advent themes of peace, hope, love, and joy.

-Fr. Jim

Diocesan News

Western New York, Northwestern Pennsylvania Ratify Partnership: Bishop Rowe will lead both dioceses. October 26, 2018

NIAGARA FALLS, NY—The Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York voted today to share a bishop and a staff for the next five years as they explore a deeper relationship focused on creating new opportunities for mission.

The move was formalized when Western New York elected the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, for a five-year term as its provisional bishop. Rowe will assume the office upon the retirement of Bishop William Franklin in early April.

“History will judge us as to the right and wrong of the choice,” said Rowe, in a brief address before the vote was taken. “God? God will bless us in our faithfulness to the Gospel call—no matter our choice. And that’s all that matters.”

During the first three years of the partnership, the two dioceses will work together to deepen relationships and develop shared mission priorities. In October 2021, they will re-evaluate the partnership and in October 2024, decide whether to continue it.

“We have all experienced the new energy that the conversations about this partnership have created, and we have felt what this infusion of energy could mean for our ministry here in Western New York,”

said Franklin, who has been bishop of Western New York since 2011. “It’s created a kind of electricity and given many of us a renewed, missional hope for the future of the Episcopal Church in this region.”

Rowe will maintain offices in Tonawanda and Erie and make visitations in both dioceses. Elected leaders in both dioceses will continue to exercise their canonical functions. Each diocese will maintain its cathedral and send a deputation to the 2021 General Convention.

“This partnership has the chance to infuse invigorating energy into all of us,” said Danielle Bane, of St. Stephen’s Church in Fairview, Pennsylvania. “And with that renewal, we can do God’s work with greater generosity because of increased efficiency and a marvelous synergy. I know it will include some hiccups and challenges, but the light that results will shine brighter. A little vulnerability and faith are always part of terrific innovations.”

The vote was the culmination of a 14-month process of consultation. More than 500 people attended eight listening sessions in the two dioceses last winter to discuss the proposed partnership. In May, the standing committees of the two dioceses unanimously voted to support the idea.

“We can credit the work of the Holy Spirit to bring the joint energies and the talents of two dioceses under the dynamic leadership of one bishop,” said the Rev. Luke Fodor, rector of St. Luke’s Church in Jamestown, New York. “Sean Rowe is the best possible candidate we could have found to be our provisional bishop. And now, we look to the future of serving beside new colleagues. May this border crossing moment open our eyes to the way that God is calling forth new realities in our midst.”

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies gave the convention’s keynote address. She said the restructuring initiatives were afoot throughout the Episcopal Church, and described the proposal voted on today as “bolder and more thorough than most.”

“The world might swirl around us, but we know who we are, and we can stretch our identity, our faith, and, yes, even our structures to accommodate the changes we need to make,” Jennings said.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

October 16, 2018

As approved at the November Meeting

Present: The Reverend James Clement, Rector-elect; Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Virginia Becker; Sue Torrance; Jack Torrance; Lisa Schultz, Clerk; Doreen Gould; Cathy Berner.

Excused: James Ivey, Treasurer; Emily Ivey, Warden; Lucille Bryant.

Opening Prayer: The meeting opened with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Virginia Becker, with a second by Jack Torrance to approve the minutes from the September 18th meeting. Minutes were approved with a minor correction.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

A motion was made by Susan Torrance with a second by Cathy Berner to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was received as submitted and reported.

- All accounts are in good shape at this point in time. Pledges are on track to meet their target by the end of the year. The \$7,000 increase in Special Projects is due to the New York Land Conservancy - "Sacred Sights" Grant. The check was deposited in the Building Fund in September.
- The actual figure in the General Operating Account as of today is: \$53,626.08.
- The actual figure in the Building Account as of today is: \$73,100.02.
- We have a few more payments on the window project that will deplete the account very soon. We will be asking Lake Shore Savings to supply funds to the Line of Credit before the end of the month. All looks good at this point in time.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The balance as of 9/30/18 was \$4,188.18.
- A deposit in the amount of \$50.00 has been made with no designation making the current balance as of this date \$4,238.18.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Rick Mekus has been hired to mow the front and side lawns at a cost of \$25 each time. He charges \$20 an hour for additional, if requested.
- Stained Glass Resources will return this month in order to install the new window frames, with protective glass, in the nave.
- Chuck Mangus has completed work of varnishing the front doors of the church building.
- A 9 1/2 foot artificial Christmas Tree for placement in the Balcony has been purchased at a cost of \$399 with the possibility of that money being donated by parishioners.
- We have received an estimate of approximately \$500 from R&R Landscaping regarding removal of the evergreen shrubbery along the side-alley and the restoration of the lawn. It was determined after some discussion that Fr. Clement will contact them regarding only the restoration of the lawn.
 - When a quote is received an email will be sent to Vestry members asking for their approval of the expenditure.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Birthday cards continue to be sent monthly.

Outreach: No report due to the absence of Emily Ivey.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Lisa Schultz reported the finances.

- The balance as of 09/30/18 was \$1,070.98 with an expenditure of \$21.26 being paid to the Dunkirk Observer for the paid ad for the rummage sale leaving an ending balance as of this date of \$1049.72

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- There is currently \$854.06 in the account.
 - A bill of \$150 to Fresh and Fancy Florist was paid.
 - A \$200 deposit was made.

Rector's Report:

- There was a nice turn out of attendees for the Blessing of the Animals.
- The fall Adult Education series has ended. A four-week Advent series, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, will begin Sunday, November 25th, in Garland Hall at 9:00 a.m. and continue until Sunday, December 16.
- Officiated the funeral service for Dana Wheelock on September 29th at Forest Hill Cemetery.
- The Diocesan Convention delegates representing this parish and Fr. Clement attended a pre-convention workshop on Sunday, October 13th, at St. Luke's Church, Jamestown.
- Parishioner Janet Kyte died on October 13th. The funeral will take place at the church on October 22.
- Thank you to David Dengler with Larson-Timko Funeral Home. The funeral home will sponsor our 2019 Trinity Episcopal Church liturgical calendar. This will allow each household in the congregation to receive a calendar.

Old Business:

Celebration of New Ministry: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- A sign-up sheet for the reception has been posted so that an accurate number of persons attending can be given to the caterer by the 26th of October.
 - The caterer, Super Duper Catering (Dave Winchell), will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and punch. Vestry will provide wine and coffee.

New Business:

Audit Committee Report:

- As required by the Diocese, the 2017 Parish Audit was issued by committee on September 29, 2018. The committee noted four points under the heading, *Areas where prior year auditors' recommendations have been implemented:*
- Recommend now that the inventory of all church contents and artifacts have been completed, that an appraisal of these items be done.
- Received and reviewed the reports from E.C.W., Flower Guild, and Memorial Fund.

Recommend that a clearer description of what the deposits and disbursements were comprised of.

- The Trinity Masterworks Choir has been formed and recommend that an accounting of deposits and disbursements be made.
- Recommend that the Vestry consider an audit from an outside accounting firm.

St. Nicholas Day Festival Dinner:

- Holy Eucharist and Parish Dinner will be held on the evening of December 7th.
 - Persons are asked to donate a new, unwrapped, toy that will be blessed at the service and donated to an outreach ministry.
- Garland Hall will be decorated for the festivities.
- Vestry will provide the main dish, which will be Roast Beef on Weck. Parishioners will bring a side dish or salad or dessert.
 - There is the possibility of live music at the dinner.

A small committee was formed, which will include Fr. Clement, Emily Ivey, and Sue Torrance. Parishioners will be asked to work on this committee as well.

Annual Parish Stewardship:

- The 2019 Stewardship letter and card will soon be sent to parishioners. Sunday, November 18th, is Stewardship Sunday.
- Melisa Eichmann is chair of the Stewardship Committee.

Christmas Worship Schedule:

- After consultation with Vestry, Fr. Clement announced that the Christmas Eve service, December 24th, will take place at 5:00 p.m. A service on Christmas Day, December 25th, will take place at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion made by Virginia Becker and a second by Doreen Gould.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held November 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Schultz, Clerk of the Vestry

Parish Notes



Thank you!

The parish family offers a big 'Thank you' to Rodney Geiben and to Chris and Melisa Eichmann for their donation of a new Christmas tree for placement in the church balcony for the festive season!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Diego Rey for receiving a medal in the state championship cross country meet at Kings Park on Long Island. Diego won the medal for placing in the top 20 of the Class C races.

Diego also recently qualified for the New York State Federation Meet, an overall state race encompassing every class in the state.

Thank you, Dominic!

We want to inform the parish family that Dominic has made the decision to resign the position of sexton, effective December 29, 2018.

Having held this position for eleven years, he has decided it is time for a new beginning with regard to his vocation. We offer our thanks for his service and we wish him all the best!

Dominic will continue to be an active member of the parish, including his work with the Flower Guild.

Annual Parish Meeting 2019

Save the date! The annual parish meeting will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following our worship service.

There is one worship service on this particular Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (there is no 8 o'clock service). Committee reports are due in to the office by Sunday, Jan. 13.

The parish family will then gather in Garland Hall for a luncheon of chili, breads, and salads. Our meeting will soon follow.

More details will be outlined in the January newsletter.

Please note: Fr. Clement will be on vacation beginning Dec. 26 for a period of two weeks. Supply clergy will be present on Sundays, Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

The Revd. Luke Fodor, St. Luke, Jamestown, is available for pastoral emergencies: (716) 483-6405.

December Outreach



Your donation will make Christmas special for a family in need. A Fredonia family with elementary aged children will benefit from your donations this year. This is a situation where there will not be gifts for these children without our support. Cash and checks are being collected in the yellow box in Garland Hall.

Please make checks out to *Trinity Episcopal Church*. ****Sunday, Dec 16 is the last day to make your donation.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Thirty boxes were collected!

Thank you all for your shoebox contributions! We praise God for the many blessings bestowed on the millions of boys and girls around the world through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project.

2019 Church Liturgical Calendar

The church calendars with liturgical and parish information have arrived! They are located at each entrance into the church and parish buildings.

A calendar is available for each household in the congregation, compliments of Larson-Timko Funeral Home of Fredonia.

Sunday School Brownie Bake!

On Sunday, December 16, the Sunday School period will be spent in the parish kitchen! The children of the parish will bake and frost brownies. The group will then take the baked goods, along with the items from the mitten tree, to The Friendly Kitchen in Dunkirk. Come join the fun!

Trinity Episcopal Church Women

Thank- you to all who donated food towards the annual Thanksgiving basket collection. We were able to provide one family with an entire meal and took 4 more boxes to the Rural Ministry to help with their distribution

TIME TO GET BAKING FOR THE ANNUAL PLATED CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE WHICH IS ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th beginning at 9am- till approximately 3 o'clock. Cost is \$9.00 per plate. Your cookies should be at the hall by Thursday, December 13 at noon. If need be, they can be dropped off earlier in the week during the office hours: Tuesday-Wednesday 9-5pm. If hall is not opened, please leave in the vestibule. Make sure your name is on them, and what kind they are, and how many. We are encouraging those wishing to order plates that **they preorder by December 7th**. There are pre-order forms in the rack by the front door and on the board in Garland Hall.

Please **SPREAD THE WORD** about these wonderful plates-great for hostess gifts or neighbors and friends. We also have a selection of pre-made tins and small fruit tarts and mini loaves. Take a few pre-order sheets with you to share with your coworkers and friends. Please return them to us by the date noted on the form. Due to the very limited number of Cucidati's (Italian fig cookie) we are not advertising this outside of the church family. If any are left after pre-orders, they will be put out for sale on the 14th. These will be sold as a plate of 12 for \$5.00. Limit one plate per Pre-order. Any remaining items will be sold on a 'first-come' basis on Dec. 14.

TECW Christmas gathering will take place in the lovely decorated **home of Judy Reynolds on Monday, December 10th, at 6pm**. Please bring a hearty appetizer to pass, or a dessert, your Christmas Stocking quarter savings container and your most cheerful smile and join us for a delightful evening. We will have a very short meeting after dinner at which we will choose where the Stocking money will best be used. There is a sign-up sheet in Garland hall on which you can indicate whether you are bringing an appetizer or dessert. Please sign up by December 9th so we have a plate count.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING SAVINGS containers can be brought to Garland at any time before the end of the year and left in the basket from which they came. Many thanks for saving your quarters all year long.

PLEASE NOTE: starting in January, TECW meetings will be held in Garland Hall on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of the Month at 10am. Please mark that in your calendar now. - Doreen Gould

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

Sunday, Dec. 2

First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Sunday, Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3:1-4
Canticle 16
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, Dec. 16

Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Canticle 9
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, Dec. 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a
Canticle 15
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Monday, Dec. 24

Eve of the Nativity
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

Sunday, Dec. 30

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147:13-21

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Birthdays in December

- 7 Lucille Delcamp
- 8 Frank B. Pullano
- 10 Ariella Pierce
- 15 Laurie Weatherlow
- 15 Tyler Roberts
- 20 Jeff Kennedy
- 21 Tom Boyda
- 24 Carol Johnson
- 27 Bill Roberts
- 29 Nathan McCloskey
- 30 Robert Gray
- 30 Marilyn Maytum

Wedding Anniversaries in December

- 20 Marlene and Bill Raines

In Memoriam

- 1 Mary Jane Forster
- 6 Clara Wallace
- 8 Eugene Berhardt
- 17 Gene Burmaster
- 19 Clint Kennedy
- 24 Alfred, Nellie and Audrey Turner
- 31 The Revd. M. A. Garland

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The Revd. James Clement, Rector

Jeanette Adamczak, Parish Secretary

Ji Hyun Woo, Organist

Phillip McMullen, Choirmaster

Janeil Rey, Director of Christian Education

Dominic Schultz, Sexton

The Vestry of the Parish

Emily Ivey, Warden

Melisa Eichmann, Warden

Virginia Becker

Cathleen Berner

Lucille Bryant

James Ivey

Lisa Schultz

Doreen Gould

Sue Torrance

Jack Torrance



**Only days prior to the Celebration of
New Ministry service!**

Worship Server Schedule - December

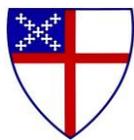
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Dec. 2	<u>10:30</u>	Jim Ivey	n/a	Lisa Schultz	Fred Liener	Bonnie Liener Emily Ivey	Lisa Sedlmayer
Dec. 9	<u>8:00</u>	---	---	---	Ginny Becker	---	---
	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	n/a	Emily Ivey	Fred Liener	(open)	Judy Reynolds
Dec. 16	<u>10:30</u>	Diego Rey	Nathan Sercu	Diane Sercu	Jim Ivey	John Berner Cathy Berner	Emily Ivey
Dec. 23	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	Lauren Sercu	Doreen Gould	Andy Wheelock	Vicky Jakiela Dominic Schultz	Lisa Sedlmayer
Dec. 30	<u>8:00</u>	---	---	---	Ginny Becker	---	---
	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	Lisa Schultz	Doreen Gould	Lisa Schultz	Dominic Schultz	Melisa Eichmann

Parish Support Schedule – December

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Dec. 2	Janeil Rey	(open)	Jim Ivey Emily Ivey
Dec. 9	Diane Sercu	Emily Ivey Melisa Eichmann	Doreen Gould Lucy Bryant
Dec. 16	Sally Ludlum	Maureen Blackburn Lauren Sercu	Melisa Eichmann Sue/Jack Torrance
Dec. 23	Lisa Schultz	(open)	Ginny Becker
Dec. 30	Sally Ludlum	(open)	Ginny Becker

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