



Trinity Tidings

January 2019

Epiphany: God appearing and the New Year



On Sunday, January 6, our parish will observe one of the Principle Feasts of the Church, The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Collect for this particular day states, in part: *Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face.* Our joyous expectation developed throughout the weeks of the Advent season and culminated with celebration on Christmas Day. We now move forward in our lives with rejoicing as “we await his coming in glory”.

Humanity is changed forever with the birth of Jesus and we are assured by means of a new relationship that the presence of God will be among us at this moment and always. Our response is to set ourselves on a pathway to better understand our God by what has been revealed, and continues to be revealed, to us. The name *Epiphany* stems from a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” The Feast of the Epiphany brings to our minds the early stages of this process of knowing Christ, striving for the *fullness* of the presence of God, to see the revealed glory of God face to face.

Over the centuries we have come to focus primarily on the narrative of the Wise Men from the East, yet the early Church observed a combined commemoration of three events in Jesus’ life, which are all thought of as manifestations of the incarnate Lord: the visit of the Magi; the Baptism of Jesus; and Jesus’ first recorded miracle at the marriage of Cana. The seasons of Advent and Christmastide lead us into a new liturgical and calendar year, into renewing our relationship with God and one another, into the light from darkness.

I invite you to join with me in this new year to set ourselves upon a path of a renewed relationship with God. May we be open to that which is revealed, building on the already present foundation of our spiritual life. As the people of this parish family, may we recognize God’s renewed call to us.

Peace, Fr. Jim

Important dates in January:

T.E.C.W Meeting: Jan. 5, 10 a.m., Garland Hall.
Trinity Episcopal Church Women January meeting.

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Fredonia Place: Holy Communion in the Garden-view Room; Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 2:00 p.m.

January Vestry Meeting: Garland Hall, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting and Luncheon: Sunday, Jan. 27, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. **No 8:00 a.m. service scheduled.**

Diocesan News

No one expected this! Bishop Franklin's Christmas Message *December 19, 2018*

Dear Friends,

After four weeks of Advent waiting and watching, Christmas has finally arrived. Many of us welcome the holiday with the same rituals each year—we put up a tree, we buy and wrap presents, we attend a pageant or a midnight service on Christmas Eve. Our memories of Christmases past blur together, like those of the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas who, in “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” couldn’t remember if it “snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six.”

Our Christmas celebrations are so familiar that they can sometimes make us forget just how astonishing the first Christmas was. During the troubled times of the first century Roman empire, many faithful people were waiting for the Messiah, but most were not looking for God to enter human history as a child born to a poor, unmarried teenage girl in the farthest reaches of the empire. They thought that prophecy would be fulfilled, perhaps, by a child of high status born in a palace in the imperial city and revealed first to the emperor and important officials. But as it turned out, the Prince of Peace was no earthly prince at all. No one expected this!

This Christmas, I think we can all identify a little bit with those surprised people in the first century. Many things in our world today seem unsettled, and we aren’t sure what the future will bring. Even as we prepare our traditional Christmas celebrations, we don’t know exactly what to expect from the world around us.

But this is where we find the great miracle of Christmas. At the most uncertain time in the most unexpected way, Jesus came to live as one of us—to be the light of the world. Christmas means that as Christians, our job is to embrace uncertainty, to extend the Christmas miracle by looking for God in unexpected places. I am so grateful to see so many places in our diocese where you are doing just this by feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, welcoming the stranger and proclaiming the good news that God is with us. This is the hope of the Christ child made real among us, and it is a miracle that lasts all year long.

May you and all those you love have a blessed Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Bill

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes November 18, 2018 **As approved at the December Meeting**

Present: The Reverend James Clement, Rector; Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Emily Ivey, Warden; Virginia Becker; Sue Torrance; Jack Torrance; Lucille Bryant; Doreen Gould; Lisa Schultz, Clerk; James Ivey, Treasurer.

Excused: Cathy Berner.

Opening Prayer: The meeting, held in the parish hall, opened with prayer at 12:05 p.m.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Emily Ivey, seconded by Melisa Eichmann, to approve the minutes of the October vestry meeting, after a correction. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: James Ivey reported.

A motion was made by Emily Ivey, seconded by Lucille Bryant, to receive the treasurer’s report. The treasurer’s report was accepted.

- Currently, the general operating account stands as \$42,813.79. Regular operating costs are being met.
- The Building Fund had some sizable deductions during October. The amount of \$70,000 was taken from the Line of Credit into the Building Fund to take care of the remaining stained-glass expenditures, with the outlook that we have borrowed the last of what we need from the bank. The final payments for Stained Glass Resources will be made before the month is out. And then we will just be paying the bank back for the line of credit as the three-year pledges are completed.

- Our pledges currently stand at 90% of what was budgeted as of the end of October.
- Loose Offering is one-half the amount budgeted, while special offerings has exceeded expected amounts.
- Rector and Employee Expense are where they are expected to be.

Building Fund: James Ivey reported.

- The cost of repair for the Alpha and Omega Window is \$5,400.
- We have taken a total of \$70,000 from the Line of Credit to put into the Building Fund.
- Hillside Painting will paint the interior framing of the Sanctuary (Altar) Windows in Spring 2019.
- All pledges that are received for the Building Fund from now on will be used to pay the bank line of credit.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The balance as of 10/30/18 was \$4,238.18.
- \$577.00 was received for communion altar linens. This money has already been disbursed and the linens purchased.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The elevator lift was inspected last week. All went well.
- Comfort Pest Control contacted us to spray the structure in 2019 at the same cost as this year. which was \$125 per application with four applications being needed.
- Weather permitting, R&R Landscaping will restore the front lawn of the church, with no grass seed at this time. The expense is covered by donation.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Birthday cards continue to be sent monthly.

Outreach: Emily Ivey reported.

- 30 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child were delivered to Mayville this past week.
- Our December Outreach is to collect money for a local family who has elementary age children. The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 16.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- The TECW met on the 17th and discussed the Christmas Cookie Sale which will be held on December 14th.
- The meetings will be moved to the first Saturday of each month and will be held at 10:00 a.m.
- Judy Reynolds will host the TECW Christmas Party on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.
- The thanksgiving “boxes” were packed up with one box going to a parishioner and the remaining “boxes” going to the food pantry at the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry.
- The balance as of 10/30/18 was \$2067.98 with an expenditure of \$29.99 being paid to Tops for a baptismal cake and \$50.00 going to Dominic Schultz for his help during the rummage sale as well as a deposit for \$1098.25 being made from the Fall Rummage Sale leaving an ending balance as of this date of \$1567.98.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- There is currently \$759.06 in the account.
 - A bill of \$225 to Fresh and Fancy Florist was paid.
 - A \$130 deposit was made.
- Dominic Schultz has ordered the poinsettias which will come in on December 22nd and there will be fresh wreaths on the doors beginning December 9th.

Rector’s Report:

- The Baptism of Natalie Rose Weatherlow took place on Sunday, October 21.
- The funeral for Janet Kyte took place on Monday, October 22.
- Many thanks to all who participated and contributed to the Celebration of New Ministry service and reception held Sunday, November 4.
- While taking vacation time after Christmas Day, the Reverend Paul Mertzluft will be supply clergy for both morning services on Sundays, December 30, and January 6, 2019.
- By appointment from Bishop William Franklin, the rector accepted the invitation to serve a one-year term on Diocesan Council, effective immediately.

Old Business:

St. Nicholas Festival:

- As discussed at the October meeting, work continues for our first Saint Nicholas Festival Dinner at the parish on Friday, December 7.

New Business:

Christmas Preparations:

- The poinsettias will be delivered on Saturday, December 22. The congregation is invited to fully decorate the church on Sunday, December 23, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.
 - The Altar Guild and the Flower Guild will be handling the wreaths and the creche.
- As discussed at the October meeting, there will be one Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. A Christmas Day service will take place at 9:00 a.m.
- The decorations will come down on January 6th after the service.

Parish Annual Meeting:

- Vestry approved on Sunday, January 27, 2019, as the day for the Parish Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place following the 10:30 a.m. service, with a parish brunch. The 8:00 a.m. service is not scheduled on this day.
 - The brunch will consist chili, breads, and desserts.
 - Childcare will be available in the Godly Play room during the meeting.
 - 2018 Committee Reports are due to the parish office by Sunday, January 13.

Full Share Pledge:

- The 2019 Pledge to the Diocese for Trinity Church is \$15,890.00.
- A motion was made by James Ivey, seconded by Emily Ivey, to meet this stewardship pledge during the course of next year. The motion carried.

Lighting in the Vestibule of Garland Hall:

- Vestry discussed the issue of lighting at the parking lot entrance of the parish hall. Options will be investigated, including the placement of a motion sensor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. with a motion made by Virginia Becker.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Schultz, Clerk of the Vestry

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Parish Notes



A message from St. Nicholas!

Everyone had a wonderful time at our Saint Nicholas Day Festival Evensong and Dinner. We collected many new toys for our donation to the *Toys for Tots* organization, as well as enjoyed wonderful food.

We also enjoyed our visit and prayer with St. Nicholas himself. If you missed this year, plan on attending next year. This is a wonderful way to begin the season.

A big thank you to all who helped with planning, decorating, cooking, setting-up, and clean-up, etc.

The evening is the combined effort of many people working together in fellowship and fun. See you next year!

We welcome our newest parish staff member!

We welcome Sara Jagoda as the new parish sexton here at Trinity, effective the first week of January.

Sara resides in the Village of Fredonia with her husband, Scott, and two children.

She replaces Dominic Schultz, who resigned his position in November after eleven years of service.

Parish Election Candidates

At its December meeting, vestry approved the slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting for Vestry and Diocesan Convention.

Bill Roberts is a candidate for the full term open on vestry beginning in January.

For election as parish delegates to Diocesan Convention are Ginny Becker, Cathy Berner, and Lisa Sedlmayer.

Important work will take place next year for both the parish and the diocese as we move forward. The 2019 Diocesan Convention will convene in Erie, Pennsylvania, in a joint session with the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

January and February Outreach Children's Pajamas



Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center is part of the New York State Agribusiness Child Development Program (ABCD). Founded in 1946, ABCD provides the highest quality of early childhood education and social services to farm worker and other eligible families across New York

State. This state program serves between 1,500 and 1,800 children per year in 11 licensed childcare centers.

Trinity's outreach these next two months is to collect pajamas for children aged 2 months to 5 years old. These will be donated to the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center. They currently have fifty-two children in this program in Fredonia.

Individual information for each child can be picked up in Garland Hall. This will help for each child to receive a pair of pajamas. Items can be dropped off in Garland Hall during January and February.

Thank you for your support of Trinity's outreach program.

DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY: Thank you for your generous giving this year. We raised \$200 to help make this Christmas special for a Fredonia family.

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Please note: Fr. Clement is taking vacation time and will return Sunday, Jan.13. Supply clergy will be present for the Sundays of Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 2019 (and Chili luncheon)

Save this Date!

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Following the 10:30 worship service

There will be one worship service for this particular Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

and no 8:00 a.m. service.

The parish family will gather in Garland Hall after the service for a potluck luncheon.

Chili is provided.

Please bring a salad, bread or a dessert.

A sign-up sheet is in Garland Hall.

The annual meeting will follow.

See you there!

Restoration of Trinity's Memorial Windows

The long-awaited restoration of the stained-glass memorial windows is complete. Our windows are works of art and we have now preserved them for our future.

Our campaign began on February 14, 2018 and within two months you had made pledges for the next three years totaling \$209,000. Much of this was given up front in cash. The windows were removed after Easter last April and we were pleasantly surprised that the church was bright and presentable!

However, by the end of July we were told that the wooden frames in the nave and the stained glass and frames of the alpha and omega window were irreparable. Stained Glass Resources returned to Trinity to discuss the issues and vestry approved the purchase of new frames for the windows in the nave and the Alpha Omega window. The cost for the new frames was \$215,400. The Vestry voted to not go back to the congregation but to allocate funds from the Endowment to pay for some of this cost and to use the line of credit established at Lakeshore Savings.

On November 25th the last window was installed. Just as SGR promised us, the project took seven months to complete. The final cost at the end of December is \$373,392. This includes the work for the glass, new frames, painting, restoration, lawyers, and closing fees from the bank.

The project is 99% finished. In the spring Hillside Painting will paint the outside frames of the altar windows. Plaques still need to be made for each memorial window.

The Window Committee thanks you all for your contributions. If for some reason you have not pledged to this beautiful project and would like to help, donations are still being taken. Please contact Emily Ivey - ejivey51@gmail.com or Melisa Eichmann - melisaanneichmann@gmail.com



Trinity Episcopal Church Women

MANY, many, thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the annual Christmas Cookie Sale in December. We raised \$1,150 which is just fabulous and will allow the TECW to do some serious outreach. Thank you. Thank You.

If you haven't yet turned in your Christmas Stocking savings project container please do ASAP. And, if you've turned the container in and didn't get a new one, there are still many in the basket In Garland Hall. Remember this project can be done by anyone in the parish, men, children....

January 5th, 10 am in Garland Hall will be the first meeting of 2019-please put it on your calendar.

Speaking of calendars -please put a reserve on Sunday afternoon February 10th for our annual Epiphany Tea. We have a wonderful speaker lined up-more to come in the next newsletter.

Many thanks Judy Reynolds for once again sharing your incredibly decorated home for our holiday gathering. It was delightful evening of good food, great company, a little carol singing and a special little something from Santa herself.

– Doreen Gould

News Blast from the Past

*Fredonia Censor
Wednesday, April 15, 1929*

The Memorial Windows of Trinity Church

On March 25 the installation of the new memorial windows was completed. They are not only an asset to Trinity Parish but an artistic addition to the community as well as the county.

The windows are grisaille and medallion type executed in imported antique glass after the fourteenth century pattern to be found in many of the ancient churches of Europe and England. These particular windows are replicas of the windows in Lambeth Palace Chapel, England. The designs and firing were done in the Von Gerichten Studios in Bavaria and Munich. This foreign touch and artistic simplicity may be readily noted by the students of art and is especially apparent in the features of the figures and the ecclesiastical colorings of the robes.

The medallions, beginning with the Font window on the north are illustrative of scenes and events in the life of Christ. They commence with the Annunciation of the Angel to Virgin Mary and close with the Ascension in the window on the south. There are twenty medallions in all in the nave windows. The Sanctuary window possesses two medallions depicting the triumphant Christ and the Christ of Refuge executed in the same style and with the same masterly art.

The glass is what is known as "pot-metal" glass i.e., either gold or the particular oxide used for the coloring is poured into the molten glass and then allowed to cool. It contrasts sharply with the painted and enameled glasses so much used in modern glazing. The fusing for some of these colors requires from thirty-six to ninety-six hours before the right color is obtained.

The nave windows are all memorials to persons or families who have been intimately connected with the history of Trinity Church and the sanctuary window is in memory of the Rectors and communicants of the Parish. Contributions for this latter have been sent in from all over the United States by people who have at one time or another been identified with the Church in Fredonia.

Article submitted by Lisa Sedlmayer

Sunday School: Godly Play Update



New furnishings were recently constructed for the Sunday school primary classroom in support of the newly adopted Godly Play curriculum. A bookcase was patterned after a catalogue picture and constructed using pine boards purchased locally. The desert box (sand box) also resembling a catalogue picture was constructed from old salvaged wood from Trinity Church. Some pieces of wood were found when a storage area in the boiler room was cleaned out a couple of years ago.

The frame of the desert box is made of quarter sawn oak from a door frame presumably replaced during the construction of the current Garland Hall. The top covering of the desert box is part of a large piece of wood measuring roughly 30" by 36" of either cucumber or poplar wood. It is believed to have been the back of a church pew pre or post the 1925 fire.

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

Sunday, Jan. 6

The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-2

Sunday, Jan. 13

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, Jan. 20

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 27

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Birthdays in January

- 2 Diego Rey
- 5 Melisa Eichmann
- 5 Bryon Rexford
- 5 Chloe Chin
- 6 Andrew Liener
- 6 Kaylee Adamczak
- 12 Phillip McMullen
- 16 Autumn Wright

- 16 Maxine Hovencamp
- 17 Diane Sercu
- 17 Jacqueline Branch
- 18 Tessa Chin
- 20 Mary Lou Vercant
- 20 John Berner
- 21 Sean Hudson
- 21 Ginny Becker
- 25 Dorothy Ivey
- 26 Nancy Jacobi
- 27 Leah Mosier
- 29 John Swank

Wedding Anniversaries

(none in January)

In Memoriam

- 9 David Vercant
- 15 Mary Repert
- 16 Jean Lucille Forster
- 16 Dan Gawron
- 17 Alan Knowles
- 17 Shirley Albaugh
- 21 Ione Reiff
- 21 Sam Mancuso
- 21 Gladys Wienk
- 27 Joe Cerrito

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 Sara Jagoda, Sexton

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 Melisa Eichmann, Warden
 Virginia Becker
 Cathleen Berner
 Lucille Bryant
 James Ivey
 Lisa Schultz
 Doreen Gould
 Sue Torrance
 Jack Torrance

Worship Server Schedule – January

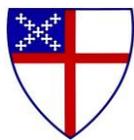
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Jan. 6	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	n/a	Doreen Gould	Andy Wheelock	Vicky Jakiela Dominic Schultz	Lisa Sedlmayer
Jan. 13	<u>10:30</u>	Diego Rey	n/a	Diane Sercu	Fred Liener	Lee Blackburn Maureen Blackburn	Lisa Sedlmayer
Jan. 20	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	n/a	Sally Ludlum	Jim Ivey	Karin Wheelock Patti Cooper	Melisa Eichmann
Jan. 27	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Jim Ivey	n/a	Lucy Bryant	Sally Ludlum	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Judy Reynolds

Parish Support Schedule – January

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Jan. 6	Lisa Schultz	Bonnie Liener	Ginny Becker Melisa Eichmann
Jan. 13	Maureen Blackburn	(open)	Doreen Gould Lucy Bryant
Jan. 20	Judy Reynolds	(open)	Sue Torrance Jack Torrance
Jan. 27	Bobbe Kennedy	Annual Meeting Luncheon	Emily Ivey Jim Ivey

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Ephesians 1:2*