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Dear Friends in Christ,

I recently was watching a panel of three prominent Rabbis when a fascinating question was asked. "What would Moses say about the current state of Israel if he was alive today?" What was clear in all three answers was the effort to balance the sweep of 4000 years of history *and* the current moment of today. Generations of ups and downs, triumphs and failures, successes and oppression, prosperity and poverty, and to seek to find the thread of God's faithfulness in it all. Our natural tendency seems to be to judge how we are doing with the good or bad of the moment, how I feel about today, or this week or maybe this year. Perhaps that is why the Psalms and Prophets so frequently call us to look back, to the story of the Exodus from Egypt. God was faithful then, God is faithful now, God will be faithful to us in the future. And, from that perspective, we can more clearly embrace the challenges of the moment.

The history of Trinity Church, Tariffville, is shorter history than the one the Rabbis discussed. Yet there is plenty to help us gain some perspective of where we are today and what lies ahead for 2022. Established in 1848, this congregation knew the conflict of the Civil War, perhaps the worst era our nation has ever known. There was the year when the factory closed, and the Town manager absconded with the funds that were left. People moved and the church community couldn't support a priest. Then there was a resurgence when the factory was running again, and the church grew and built the Hall we now enjoy. There were two World Wars, the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, the era where everything was closed on Sunday and it seemed like everyone went to church, and today, where church might not even make the 'top ten things to do on Sunday' list.

And here is where our perspective is important: In it all, God is present. God's purpose of making all things right in the world is still the force that is driving all of history. God hasn't changed his mind about loving this world so much that he gave Jesus. And God's Spirit is still at work in the world and in the lives of those who call upon God. Every person still matters to God, which means that God still is focused on his mission. And each of us are still deeply loved by God who knows us and cares for us, and has included us in his mission.

The last two years, we have heard the word, "unprecedented," a lot. But many of the situations we have experienced recently are not really unprecedented. We have been in a worldwide pandemic. Trinity Church has done that before. We have seen our country become more deeply divided than we remember. Trinity Church has been through that. We have seen less people in church, and Trinity has seen that, too. And, in it all, God has been faithful.

In the history of God's people in the Old Testament, there were times when, after God had brought them through another struggle, a leader would set up a marker as a memorial to God's intervention. After one particular victory, Samuel set up a stone at the place of the victory and named it, Ebenezer, which means, Thus far, God has helped us. And that is the testimony of Trinity Church. Thus far, God has helped us. And that strengthens our resolve to follow God today, and into our shared future. May our church community of today be a reason for people to trust God's faithfulness in their lives.

Fr. Taylor Albright

FEBRUARY



Trinity Episcopal Church
Tariffville, Connecticut

2021
Annual Report



To be presented at the
Annual Parish Meeting
January 30, 2022

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held online on **Sunday, January 24th at 11:45 am**. Please plan to attend this important event. So much has happen in the last year. See where we are as a church and what is coming up in 2022.

To attend via Zoom, you must first register.

To register, go to the Trinity website homepage at:
www.trinitychurch.org



Our Sympathy and Prayers go out

*To the Erickson Family on the loss of
Harolyn Erickson
who died January 2, 2022*

*To the Montgomery and Kraft Families
on the loss of
Joan Montgomery
who died January 8, 2022*

*To the Cowles family on the loss of
Pat Cowles
who died January 19, 2022*

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

FEBRUARY 12TH
FOR ALL ARTICLES FOR THE
MARCH TRINITY TIMES

TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES

To view the Sunday online service using Zoom you must first register. If you view the Sunday service through Facebook you do not need to register. See the Trinity website for instructions and links: www.trinitytariffville.org

Monday - Saturday Prayers

Morning Prayer: Monday - Saturday at 8 am

Compline: Monday - Thursday at 8 pm

Sundays

In Person in the Sanctuary at 8 am

In Person and Online Service at 9:45 am

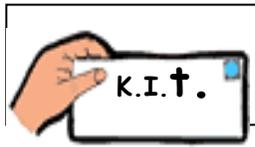


FYI - Trinity's 9:45 am Sunday Service is broadcast on
Sundays at Noon and 7 pm
on the following channels:
Simsbury Community Television - Channel 5
Xfinity channel 1084
Frontier channel 6069

Christmas Eve At Trinity

There were two services: 5 pm Outdoor & 8 pm in the Sanctuary. The 5 pm outdoor service offered music, a firepit, candles and fellowship. Over a hundred people shared the outdoor service. The 8 pm indoor service was a traditional service with music, warmth and good company.





Keep In Touch



Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. We will mail the K.I.T. packages the first week of February. Please continue to pray for the K.I.T members and if you are interested in writing a few encouraging notes, give us a holler and we will deliver some paper hearts to you. All completed hearts should be returned to us by February 4th to be included in the mailing.

Kaitlin Broda
Jack Broda
Audrey Corcoran
Anna Cowley
Jacob Demmons
Jason Demmons
Katie Duray
Luke Gilmore
Zachary Hall

Grace Hall
Caden Lill
Jared Lobo
Lindsey Madigan
Spencer Malley
Michael McFarlane
Serena Morris
Tess Mylander
Denis Reardon

Vica Reardon
Travis Reid
Payton Salvaggio
Molly Salvaggio
Amy Smith
Lexi Staab
Krista Steinmetz
Alex Stelly
Maddy Tyburski

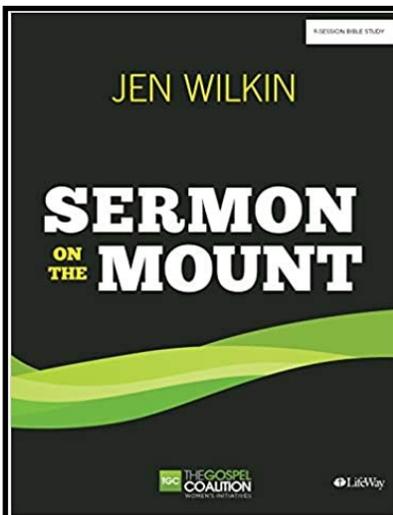
Our next packing will be in early April for Easter. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to join in on the fun, please contact:

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God Bless!

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study has a new Location

Beginning Tuesday, January 18th until further notice, the bible study will meet via Zoom.

Sermon on the Mount
by Jen Wilkin

All are welcome!
For more info, please call Sue Galici
at 860-614-9313
or email
trinitychurch@trinitytariffville.org



Music Flourishes at Trinity

We are on it. Your music team is with you 24/7.
We pray about the songs that will best fit God's message for the day, the week, the service.

Whether that is a Sunday service, special event, or memorial service...
we are there for you.

We pray for each other.

We pray for our congregation.

We pray God gives us the wisdom and fortitude to try new things,
methods, music that will truly resonate with our parishioners.

We thank God for our Trinity community, who supports us!

I personally thank God for the musicians who, on short notice, show up at funerals to help me lead the singing of special hymns in honor of a loved one. We have music planned for the season of Epiphany, and soon will start working on Lent. As always, email, text or call anyone involved in music if you have questions or suggestions! We do what we do because of you!

Family Ministries

Happy February!

Last month we kicked off our new theme for the year:
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

You may have noticed over the years that I am supportive of efforts to build community. I think the priority of the church should be building Christian community. But how do we build community when we are all stuck at home? When was the last time you called/ texted one of the other families from church? I am encouraging you to reach out! No one can build community for you...you must reach out.

If you want to reach out but don't know who to call, let me know! I will connect you with someone. If you want to connect with a member who is not another young family, let me know! I will connect you with someone. If you want to adopt a young adult, let me know!! Believe it or not we have some young adults in our church who would love to connect with you.

Reach out to someone you don't know and work on getting to know them. You can do it!

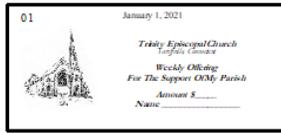
Until next time!!

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GIVING TO TRINITY CHURCH

Pledge Envelopes



If you chose to use pledge envelopes, they are located in the welcome foyer. You can pick them up any Sunday after services or Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4 pm. Please call the office before you come, to make sure someone is here. If you are unable to pick them up during these hours, call the office (860-651-0201) to make other arrangements.

It is important to use the numbered envelopes that you have been issued. The most important thing about using the envelopes is **accuracy**. Your pledge number is printed on them which assures that your account gets credited for your pledge. They also help to set apart your pledge from any other contribution you may make.

Donations for other causes must be made as separate checks made out to Trinity Church with the purpose **written in the memo section** and placed in separate plain envelopes with the purpose written on the envelope. **DO NOT USE** your pledge envelopes for these donations. Please **DO NOT** combine dollar amounts in one check for more than one purpose.

We thank you for your cooperation by using the envelopes. If you have any questions please feel free to call Carole or Ed in the office at 860-651-0201.

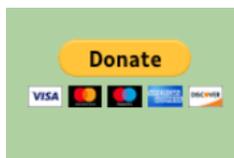
Automatic Pledge Payments



For those of you who have your weekly or monthly donations sent on a regular basis directly from the bank, **please be sure that your PLEDGE # and the purpose are specified on the check.** Be sure it says Pledge for your pledge donation or if it is for another purpose,

Kateri for instance, please be sure that it is prominently noted on the check. We want to be sure that your contributions are credited exactly as you intended.

Online Donations



You may also donate online on the Trinity website homepage at: (www.trinitytariffville.org). There is a yellow donate button at the top of the homepage. You may donate using Paypal, a credit or debit card. If this is a pledge payment, please note that (and, if possible, your envelope #) with your payment.

Pizza, Prayer and a Pint



Share, Sip and Socialize

Pizza, Prayer and a Pint meets the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Cracker Barrel Pub in Tariffville.

TRINITY CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR February 2021



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

It all started in a Sausalito, California, restaurant in 1982 when Anne Herbert scrawled the words "practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty" on a place mat.

From there it spread to bumper stickers, tee shirts, mugs, etc....quietly at first, but with all the powerful momentum of something important—calling us to lives of caring and compassion.

One needs to wonder if Anne Herbert was familiar with the following scripture that was written by Solomon so many years ago. Isn't it amazing how God breathes new life into His ancient words of wisdom that we find in Proverbs 3:1-4 onto place mats.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man.

What does it mean to bind kindness around our neck and write it on the tablet of our hearts? It means kindness should be a deep, central part of our lives. Unfortunately, kindness doesn't automatically become one of our characteristics when we accept Christ as our Savior. We have to work at it...we must deliberately take responsibility for our actions and attitudes toward others and choose to act compassionately toward others. What are some things we should do to develop kindness?

February 6th – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Galatians 5:22.....But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS, goodness, faithfulness.

First, we should realize even though we don't immediately become *kind* at salvation, we do have the potential to exhibit kindness because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit develops the quality of kindness in us.

Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who continues to shape and mold us like your Son. Help us to reach out to others in love with words of encouragement, or with a helping hand. In Your Son's name we pray.

February 13th – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ephesians 4:31-32.....Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. BE KIND to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Second, we must eliminate those characteristics, actions, and attitudes within us that stop us from being loving, tenderhearted, and useful. We cannot be selfish. Rather, we must lay aside the characteristics that do not fit who we are as believers in order for kindness to flow out of our lives.

Heavenly Father, empty our hearts of any bitterness or anger that we may have towards others. Show us how to love more through kindness and be critical less. When confronted with difficult situations and people, help us to see what you see in this person. Help us to remember that You love this person just as much as you love us. In Your Son's name we pray.

February 27th – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*Colossians 3:12-13.....So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, **KINDNESS**, humility, gentleness and-patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.*

Third, we must focus on the needs of other people. As long as we are focused on ourselves, our needs, wants and desires and plans...we are not going to be very kind. Yet when we focus on others, we will become sensitive to who they are and what they need in life.

Heavenly Father, help us to be ever mindful of our thoughts and actions towards others, so that we can be a witness unto you. Help us to remember that none of us can grow in our relationship with You without encouragement from others and being an encourager.

February 27th – Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 5:16.....Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Fourth, we must ask God to teach us to be kind. We must look to God to make us sensitive to the situations that need a special touch of kindness and to express His kindness through us. We do so with the hope that people will be attracted to Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Heavenly Father we know your ways are different from the world's. Help us to be willing to give when others take, to love when others hate, to help when others abuse. Let us be that Light for You. In Your Son's name.

Michael Timmis writes...

“The way I define **LOVE** is by using the fruit of the Spirit which starts with **LOVE**.

I believe that joy is **LOVE** rejoicing,... peace is **LOVE** at rest,... patience is **LOVE** waiting, kindness is **LOVE** interacting,...goodness is **LOVE** initiating, ...faithfulness is **LOVE** keeping its word,... gentleness is **LOVE** empathizing, and self-control is **LOVE** resisting temptation.

These are the characteristics we see in Jesus

Let the month of February be more than hearts and flowers, but one of TRUE LOVE thru little acts of kindness. Let this time be the spring board as we get started on this new and life changing venture. After all as Christians we know.. “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.” John 15:13



November Minutes November 16, 2021 Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 8:54 pm

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry was held online via Zoom on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Welcome: Rev. Denise Adessa, Rev. Taylor Albright, Elaine Chagnon, Madeline Christensen, Carolyn Clement, Janet Collins, Anthony Galici, Judy Gessford, Dennis Golden, Melien Lavoie, Lynn Morris, Tom Mylander, Katherine Oakes, Jessica Olewnik, Lisa Salisbury, Mel Smith, Mark Tschiegg, Marta Williard, and Kathy Zirolli

1. Formation

- A.** The Vestry opened its meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.
- B.** The Vestry prayed for our church/community.
- C.** Our Monthly Focus of Guidelines for Mutuality was: "Practice both/and thinking."
Yes, and...

"Try on" new ways and ideas It is ok to disagree. It is not ok to blame, shame, or attack - self or others. Practice "self-focus." Take 100% responsibility for our own learning.	Practice both/and thinking. Notice both process and content. Be aware of intent and impact. Maintain confidentiality.
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2. Information

A. Junior Warden's Update - Kathy Oakes, Junior Warden, provided the following property notes:

- i. Fall Clean Up day is scheduled for Saturday morning, December 4.
- ii. Leaf pick up is scheduled for the week of December 6.
- iii. Water issues around the foundation continue to be addressed (i.e., researching a replacement pumping dehumidifier for the music room; in consultation with Dave Desmarais and Steve Parker).
- iv. Started to prioritize list of property repairs to be addressed and funded.
- v. Thank you to Greg Kern for installing a new Men's bathroom fan.
- vi. A Welcome Center cart has arrived and will be assembled soon.
- vii. Dave Desmarais joined the Vestry to report on a review of the Sexton house and to address the prioritization of tasks, repairs, and maintenance and their potential budget implications. He also laid out the detailed steps to be taken to get matters before the ECCT to allow moving forward after the Vestry approves a plan (i.e., first presented to Mission Council; they determine when to place on agenda, second presented at a Bishops meeting; again timing for placement on agenda up to them, third before any of the first two steps occur, have our property lines reviewed, surveyed, and revised, if needed by appropriate parties). See Decisions below.

B. Senior Warden's Update - Carolyn Clement, Senior Warden, updated us on the following:

- i. We were all encouraged to go through our Events Listing as there is a LOT happening between now and the end of the year. In addition to the return of our usual awesome events (Lessons & Carols and Christmas services), there are outreach and invitation to the community opportunities (Christmas in Tariffville - formerly Selfies with Santa, Christmas in the Village on Christmas Eve (with Selfie Station inside and sparkling lights, worship service, and music outside).

- ii. Carolyn and Fr. Taylor consult with a number of medical experts to discern best practices for gathering guidelines.
- iii. Update on Invite, Welcome, Connect tools - an Events flyer and postcard (to be mailed to folks that the Lord puts on your heart to invite) and an introduction card (to use when you meet someone new to you at church) were developed to help us connect.
- iv. Nominating Committee is being established with one off-going vestry member (Elaine Chagnon), one member from the parish, and both wardens.
- v. All are encouraged to consider joining Ushers, Altar Guild, and Coffee Hour Hosts. Carolyn shared a comment from a Compline Zoom member, “The benefit of getting old is that anything you *can* do brings so much joy!” Praises! We discussed these needs and the importance of Vestry to lead our parish in joining us in serving and welcoming our community.
- Vi. Stewardship Update - many thanks to Mark Tschiegg, Stewardship Chair, and Dean Zirolli for leading us in this year’s campaign - ***Forward in Faith!*** Preliminary results show: 59 pledge cards (compared with 57 on Celebration Sunday the prior year); total pledge of \$336,064 (compared with \$325,342).

C. Rector’s Update - Fr. Taylor reminded us to be thankful for those leaders that continue to dig deeply within and find joy in helping our church connect with our community. And a caution was given as to how long can they continue to rally and run to the front lines? We are reminded that this time of heightened anxiety, grief, and a loss of control continues. And we were challenged to help lift and carry this serving “load” to help our circle/our fellowship community. Let us treasure, protect, and invite others into this circle. He continued to discuss plans to “right size” our church staff to our church size. His Friday videos will communicate this important topic as well. Our church has changed from what it once was; and, it is time for us to prepare for imminent organizational changes. Please continue to pray and be sensitive to our staff as they navigate what roles are priorities and how to make the necessary changes.

Further high-level 2022 budget considerations and communication processes were again discussed.

3. Discussion

- A. Building & Grounds issues - See the Junior Warden’s Update, item vii.
- B. Bylaws - The Bylaws committee (Carolyn Clement, Mel Smith, and Kathy Zirolli) submitted the marked bylaws for review of the Vestry. There are three main changes: 1) Executive committee added, including responsibilities, 2) Number of Vestry members reduced from 12 to 6-9, and 3) One member per household on vestry. Following discussion, a question to be researched is whether a fluctuating number of members, as would be determined by the Nominating Committee, is permissible by the Chancellor of ECCT?

Action Item	Assigned	Due	Comments
Is it permissible for our bylaws to have a fluctuating number of Vestry members (i.e., minimum of 6 and maximum of 9)?	Carolyn Clement	12/21/21	Ask ECCT’s Chancellor

4. Decisions

- A. Approve Minutes - Hearing no objections or corrections, the October 19, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted. The motion was approved with one abstention.
- B. Approve establishment of a Property Plan to be prepared for presentation to ECCT - Mel Smith made a motion, seconded by Lisa Salisbury, to approve the Junior Warden and the Building & Grounds Team to write a plan regarding the use of our properties to be presented to ECCT. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Hearing no further business, by unanimous consent, the meeting was closed in prayer by Judy Gessford at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Katharine F. Zirolli, Parish Clerk

Approved: Katharine F. Zirolli

Date: December 21, 2021

Open Action Item:

Action Item	Assigned	Due	Comments
Vestry members to let Carolyn know on which team they'd like to work	All Vestry members	9/30/21	<p>Building & Grounds (Dave Desmarais, Rollie Sterrett, Need Vestry Member)</p> <p>Stewardship & Giving (Mark Tschiegg, Dean Zirolli, Dennis Golden, Bob Jugenheimer)</p> <p>Invite, Welcome, Connect (Elaine Chagnon, Madeline Christensen, Jessica Olewnik)</p> <p>Mission (Marta Williard, Tom Mylander)</p> <p>Hospitality (Janet Collins)</p> <p>Racial Reconciliation (Melien Lavoie, Mel Smith, Lisa Salisbury)</p>

Ongoing Projects

Safe Church - please plan to complete this fall, if not already done. <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/>

Welcome Center Renovation: Coffee cart

Music Ministry: Lessons & Carols prep ongoing!

Mission Prayer Team: Meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Mission Group: Meeting twice a month PLUS experimentations in Mission

Racial Reconciliation

Invite, Welcome, Connect - meeting November 1 - Topic: Welcome

Upcoming Dates - see [Events Flyer here](#)

Sunday Worship,

8:00 - inside

9:45 am - Inside, Zoom, Facebook, Website, with music & Children's Program

Noon and 7:00pm on SCTV

Trinity Regathering Podcast! - <https://www.trinitytariffville.org/trinity-regathering-podcast>

Daily Office Prayer -

Morning Prayer - 8am Monday - Saturday

Compline - 8pm Monday - Thursday

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Monday Night Dwelling in the Word - every Monday on Zoom

Decorate the Church! - November 27

Pizza, Prayer & a Pint - Monday, January 24, 6:30 - 8pm - @ Cracker Barrel in Tariffville

Lessons & Carols - December 11 & 12, 4:00 pm

Vestry Retreat - save the date - February 25-27, 2022 at the Trinity Retreat Center, 79 Lower River Road, West Cornwall

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