



Trinity Episcopal Church
101 E. Mansion Street
Marshall, Michigan 49068

176 years of serving Christ and the community
- Established 1836

2011
Annual Report

Annual Parish Meeting
January 29, 2012

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

Trinity Episcopal Church

Marshall, Michigan

January 29, 2012

Opening Prayer

Parish Transitions

Rules of Order

Minutes from January 23, 2011 Annual Meeting

Rector's Report

Sr. Warden's Report

Financial Report

Old Business

New Business

Nomination of Vestry

Nomination of Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention 2012

First Ballot

Time of Appreciation

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

2011

Parish Transitions for Inclusion in the Annual Report

Baptisms

Kendall Olson

Charles West

Necrology

Bill Biggs

Mary Lou Cartey

Betty Fitch

Esther Neuffer

Carl Ryan

ANNUAL MEETING RULES OF ORDER for TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL, MI

Appendix E

1. No person may speak twice until all others who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
2. No person may have the floor for more than two minutes, except by special vote of the meeting.
3. Suggestions and complaints for which the vestry has established committees will be referred to committee, except in cases in which the person has already gone to the vestry committee and wishes to appeal to the annual meeting for further consideration.
4. Proposed nominations for vestry shall be opened early in the meeting. The first nominations shall be from the vestry nominating committee. The committee will then receive suggested nominations from the floor. The committee will meet with those persons suggested in order to determine their eligibility under the canons, their attitudes and convictions concerning the vestry commitments established by the vestry, and other relevant matters. The committee will then report its findings to the meeting, at which time a determination shall be made whether or not to include the suggested names among the candidates for vestry.
5. Voting for members of the vestry shall be by ballot (except as otherwise determined by the meeting). The names of candidates shall be placed on one ballot. A candidate, to be elected, must receive a simple majority number of votes of those eligible voters that are present. An eligible voter may vote only once on a ballot for any one candidate; but may vote for more than one candidate up to the number of vestry offices to be filled. If there are not enough candidates receiving a simple majority to fill the vacancies for vestry office, then those who did receive a majority shall be deemed elected. Subsequent balloting shall be employed until enough candidates receive a majority of votes to fill the vacancies.
6. Delegates and alternates for the diocesan convention shall be nominated by the meeting to the vestry for the vestry vote.
7. No Smoking.

Adopted: January 1987

Reviewed: 2000 no changes

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
January 23, 2011

QUORUM WAS PRESENT

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Senior Warden Cherie Riser at 11:40 AM.

Opening Prayer by Senior Warden Cherie Riser

Celebration of Parish Life:

Baptisms

Nora Catherine Nash
David James Nash
Brandon Walter Baker
Brooklyn Ann Tucker
Faye Elizabeth Grupke

Marriages

Caitlin Anne Thelemann & Matthew John Breen

Necrology

Ray W. Smith, Jr.
Ellen M. Reyer
Rosalyn Marie Vincent
Charles D. "Chuck" Christner

Senior Warden Report Summary:

Senior Warden Cherie Riser reported that two new ministries were begun-Trinity Visitors with Jim Unruh chairing and Sunday Summer School with Wendy Nash leading.

Update on Stained Glass Window repair

Rector search update was given

A celebration of 175 years for Trinity Parish and 150 years of the laying of the cornerstone of the current church building is planned with Sue Lackey as chair

Jim Needham is the new chair of the Garden Committee

Patty West is the new chair of the Finance Committee

Approval of the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes was moved by Karl Loomis-Second by Kim Smith-Approved by acclamation

Treasurer's Report by Karl Loomis:

Final budget report for 2010

Our casualty insurance company is paying approximately \$16,000.00 towards repair of the Stained Glass Windows

An audit required by the diocese has been completed and a committee review of the 2010 financials will be completed in the near future

2011 Budget, approved by the Vestry at the January meeting was presented

Moved by Jerry Gilbert second by Jim Needham to accept the Treasurer's report-Approved by acclamation

Stewardship Committee Chair Doug Ivey had nothing to add to his written report

Old Business-None

New Business-None

Vestry Nominations and Election:

Senior Warden Cherie Riser proposed that the current Vestry be reelected with no change due to the Rector search process being in its final stages and continuity being critical at this juncture in the process.

A written Ballot was distributed and tallied with 43 Yes votes and 4 no votes (41 present and voting and 6 absentee ballots). As a result there were no new Vestry members voted onto the Vestry

2011 Convention Delegates and Alternates:

Delegate Nominees-Debbie Egnatuk and Margi Brown

Alternate Nominees-Jan Needham and Ivan Egnatuk

Motion to close nominations and call for vote made by Karl Loomis second by Fran Rauth-Approved by Acclamation

Other Reports:

Senior Warden Cherie Riser encouraged everyone to review the many written reports in the Annual Report and Karl Loomis reported on discussions with Oaklawn Hospital concerning ongoing sewer problems

Time of Appreciation:

(Offered by)(For)

Cherie Riser-Jim Needham-Finance Committee

Fran Rauth for Sue Lackey-Church School

Sarah Loomis-Jan Needham, Debbie Egnatuk and Margaret Nelson-Community Family Dinners

Dick Mortensen-Vestry Members

Cherie Riser-Patty West-Gardens

Patty West-Sarah Loomis and Ivan Egnatuk-Clergy Supply

Abby Mortensen-Brooks Grantier-Wonderful Year of Music

Joyce Connelly-Cherie Riser and Sarah Loomis-Wardens

Jim Needham-Vestry-8:00 Worship Service

Ivan Egnatuk-All Who Attended and Supported the Parish

Cherie Riser-Karl and Sarah Loomis-Stained Glass Windows

Debbie Egnatuk-Bob Haeefe-Unselfish Assistance to Sharon Haeefe

Marion Palmer-Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hugh Welsh-Teachers in our midst

Joyce Connelly-David Begg-Mission Work

Karl Loomis-Ann Uhrie and Sharon Haeefe-Acolytes

Fran Rauth-Julie Kaminski-Office Duties

Junior Warden Sarah Loomis led the closing Prayer

Meeting was adjourned by motion of Sarah Neubecker Second Patty West-Approved by Acclamation

Signatures of Attendees from Sign-in Sheet:

Jim Needham	Jan Needham	Jerry Gilbert
Jane Gilbert	Margaret H. Nelson	Lorna Llewellyn
Cherie Riser	Karl Loomis	Marian Palmer
James Mason	Scott M. Neubecker	Sarah Neubecker
Patty West	Edward Bojas	Mary Ellen Connelly
Ivan Egnatuk	Betty Wilson	Hugh Welsh
Joyce Connelly	Randall Riser	Tom Isham
Sue Lackey	Sharon Haefele	Sarah Loomis
Deborah C. Egnatuk	Doug Ivey	David Nelson
Paul F. Rauth	Marie Williamson	Kim Smith
Jim Cracraft	Nancy Cracraft	Dick Mortensen
Abby Mortensen	Fran Rauth	Phil Nager
Joan K. Foster	Thomas Spitzer	Brooks Grantier
Marian Johnson	Marguerite Grupke	Robert Haefele

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivan Egnatuk, Clerk of Vestry by Appointment

Trinity Episcopal Church
2011 Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2012
Rector's Report

This ought to be a rather short report, since I've only been your rector for three months! With that said, I'd like to share some thoughts about where we've been together so far, and where I hope we will be going together in the future.

When I came to Trinity in October, I was immediately struck by the vibrant and active congregation I would be joining. I was impressed by the many activities available, and the willingness of the people to invite non-members into their space. Not all churches are so hospitable! As I got to know the people of Trinity, my appreciation deepened as you all welcomed me and my family into your community.

When I first arrived, it was also apparent how deeply the people of Trinity yearned for consistent leadership and liturgy. Even as you appreciated the many fine supply priests and pastors that have served you over the years, your appreciation for your own traditions and worship grew. When I arrived I was both reassured that the people of Trinity desired traditional worship, and encouraged to make appropriate changes as we discovered our own rhythm as a worshiping family.

As I've tried to get to know you in during the past three months, I have met with every active committee at least once and begun visitations with individual members. I am enjoying getting to know all of you, and I look forward to building our relationship in the coming years. At the same time, I have tried not to miss the forest for the trees, so to speak, and I try to keep an eye toward the bigger picture of the life and mission of Trinity.

As I look ahead at the coming year, I feel a sense of excitement and hope. Obviously the good work that was begun long before I got here will continue. Trinity will continue to minister to the poor and the needy. Trinity will continue to show hospitality and love to all. We will continue to strive for spiritual and intellectual growth, and beauty and sincerity in worship.

Along with the continuation of ongoing ministry, we will see some changes and the return of some ministries that have been on hiatus. No, I haven't forgotten about the Ministry of Healing, and yes, it will return in 2012. This actually brings me to my final point...

I knew a priest in Georgia who was a talented church planter. In the course of eight years he grew his church in the small town of Kingsland, GA from 8 parishioners to about 145. When he was asked what the secret to church growth was, he said it was quite simple: "Be the Body of Christ in your community."

Be the Body of Christ. How can we do that? That will be the question I will be asking myself and all of you in the coming year, and in years to come. What is Christ calling us to be? And how can we be that better? In the coming year I will be praying for direction and inspiration. I will be prayerfully continue to get to know all of you, and hopefully help discern gifts for ministry, gifts that you may have never thought you had. I will be working on how the communication within Trinity is built, and making adjustments so we can all do God's ministry better and collaborate with one another more fully.

Thank you for calling me into this journey with you. Likewise, I invite you into this journey with me. Together we will pray, discern, try new things, occasionally fail, and hopefully more often succeed. We don't know what the future will hold, but if we are earnestly trying to be the Body of Christ, if we are joyfully serving his people, giving of ourselves, and inviting people to know Jesus, we can be sure he will be with us.

WARDEN'S REPORT

January 2012

2011 was an amazing year of Celebrations for Trinity, and it has been my honor to serve as Senior Warden in the midst of a multitude of blessings.

In the spring our three stained-glass windows were restored and returned. How very happy we were when their beauty re-illuminated our worship space!

In the summer Trinity was on the Garden Tour and the Home Tour.

In the fall we celebrated our 175th Anniversary.

I think we would all agree that our greatest joy came in September. After 3 ½ years of waiting and praying, God answered our prayers when Mother Anne said “yes” to our call to become our new rector. When we held our Celebration of New Ministry on January 14th, it was one of Trinity’s grandest days.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of our Search Committee: Debbie Egnatuk (chair), Jane Gilbert, Hugh Welsh, Tom Isham, Karl Loomis, Randy Riser, Beryl Gavitt, Nancy Cracraft, Tom Spitzer, and Jim Unruh.

I also remain thankful to our Vestry, who worked hard and faithfully to help hold it all together. Thank you to Cherie Riser, Ivan Egnatuk, Patty West, Doug Ivey, Fran Rauth, Jim Cracraft, Jane Gilbert, and Joyce Connelly.

Now, looking ahead, it is my great hope that Trinity will respond to God’s gracious gifts. That out of gratefulness, this parish family will build a new ministry together in which we will joyfully serve our God.

Grace and peace to you, dear friends in Christ,

Sarah Loomis
Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report for 2011

The major accomplishment this year was the transfer the trust funds out of Bank of America to Arcadia we saves almost 100 basis points in fees. This is important in this time of slow growth in all markets. The recommendations of last year's audit were adopted. A review of the finances was performed by Patty West and reported to the Vestry. There were no significant findings. This completed the financial reporting required to call a rector.

In 2011 we again budgeted that for one half of the year we would have a half time rector. Because we had a part time rector for approximately two months and open plate was approximately \$7000 in excess of budget, we withdrew approximately \$17,700 from savings instead of the anticipated \$28,500. In 2012 pledges have already increased by \$11,000. Despite this good news we anticipate an approximate \$60,000 draw from savings.

The status of other funds which are not assets of the church and are not on the balance sheet are as follows: Dora Perrett fund \$59,859, Eleanor Perrett fund \$8618 and the irrevocable trust \$233,676. In 2011 the church received nothing from the irrevocable trust despite meeting requirements for a distribution. In 2011 approximately \$1,000 was spent from the building fund for capital improvements and another \$1650 from operating funds for maintenance. A report on the remaining building fund activity will be included in the Buildings and Grounds Committee report. Ron DeGraw and Ivan Ignatuk are the trustees of the irrevocable trust.

The total assets are \$509,219 down from \$515,646. Despite the tremendous volatility of the markets and with virtually no gains in the major indices, when one adds back the draw, the accounts earned about \$3,500. This may not sound like much, but remember hedge funds lost money in 2011.

For those who desire to donate appreciated stock to the Church in 2011 there are new routing numbers now that Schwab has replaced Merrill Lynch. Routing numbers are available from the Treasurer. Please do not use any of the old forms

In summary the balance sheet remains stable, but efforts begun in 2011 will need to accelerate in the coming year.

Karl Loomis, Treasurer

B U D G E T S U M M A R Y

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2011 Budget	2011 Actual		2012 Proposed
		REVENUE	
\$111,404.00	108,693.50	PLEDGES	\$123,506.00
\$12,000.00	19,560.57	OPEN PLATE / HOLY DAYS / OTHER	\$12,000.00
\$3,200.00	3,788.25	RENTAL INCOME	\$3,200.00
\$1,500.00	1,500.00	TCW PLEDGE	\$1,500.00
\$1,200.00	1,200.00	MIT PLEDGE	\$1,200.00
\$800.00	709.76	MISC INCOME	\$600.00
130,104.00	135,452.08	TOTAL	\$142,006.00
		EXPENSES	
\$13,240.19	13,240.08	DIOCESAN PLEDGE	\$13,000.00
\$12,500.00	12,332.57	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$12,500.00
\$1,250.00	1,326.17	SUPPLIES	\$1,300.00
\$22,900.00	20,702.24	UTILITIES	\$23,825.00
\$7,525.00	7,531.02	ADMINISTRATION	\$7,750.00
\$96,785.00	92,555.22	PERSONNEL	\$136,415.00
\$250.00	244.99	MUSIC	\$250.00
\$1,100.00	828.16	WORSHIP	\$1,000.00
\$1,425.00	1,283.01	EDUCATION & FORMATION	\$1,450.00
\$1,200.00	1,200.00	PARISH LIFE & OUTREACH	\$1,800.00
\$450.00	1,901.15	MISC OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500.00
\$158,625.19	153,144.61	TOTAL	\$199,790.00
\$130,104.00	135,452.08	Revenue Total	\$142,006.00
\$158,625.19	153,144.61	Expense Total	\$199,790.00
\$28,521.19	17,692.53	Trust Fund Draw to Balance	\$57,784.00

Trinity Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet
Year-to-date, Through December 2011

Accounts	Assets	
Brokerage Accounts		
10-510-110 - Trust Fund	\$310,652.02	
10-510-300 - Building Fund	\$108,855.59	
Memorial Fund (et al)		
10-510-200 - Memorial Fund - General	\$18,483.83	
10-510-210 - Pardoe Paschal Candle	\$918.10	
10-510-220 - Sterling Murray Organ Fund	\$12,845.56	
10-510-230 - Thick Music Fund	\$680.25	
10-510-240 - Thompson Acolyte Fund	\$306.46	
10-510-250 - Helping Hands Fund	\$3,015.52	
Total Memorial Fund (et al)	<u>\$36,249.72</u>	
Total Brokerage Accounts		\$455,757.33
Checking Accounts		
10-110-050 - 1405 MCB Checking	\$1,000.00	
10-110-100 - 1063 Checking	\$50,421.25	
10-110-200 - 1071 Checking	\$2,021.74	
Total Checking Accounts		<u>\$53,442.99</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$509,200.32</u></u>
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Fund Principal		
30-000-100 - Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$29,311.63	
30-000-200 - Net Assets - Temporarily Restrict	\$458,984.92	
30-500-100 - Net Assets - Brokerage Accounts	(\$14,493.48)	
Excess Cash Received	\$438.38	
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received		<u>\$474,241.45</u>
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$34,958.87	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	
Total Restricted Funds		<u>\$34,958.87</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$509,200.32</u></u>

2011								
Designated Memorial Fund Expenditures								
							Remaining Balance	
Pardoe Paschal Candle				\$0.00			\$918.10	
Sterling Murray Organ Fund				\$0.00			\$12,845.56	
Thick Music Fund				\$250.00			\$680.25	
Thompson Acolyte Fund				\$0.00			\$306.46	
Helping Hands Fund				\$0.00			\$3,015.52	
Total				\$250.00			\$17,765.89	
DESIGNATED MEMORIALS							\$13,968.33	
UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS**							\$4,515.50	
							\$18,483.83	
Total Memorial Monies in Money Market Account							\$36,249.72	
Additional Memorial monies in Operating							\$4,608.81	
Total Memorial monies available							\$40,858.53	

	2011	
	Capital Expenditures	
Building Fund		
Boiler Repair	\$617.57	
Roof Repair	\$406.00	
total	\$1,023.57	
Operating Budget		
Service on stove	\$130.00	
Fire Ext Service	\$125.00	
Boiler Repair	\$1,266.72	
Misc Plumbing	\$81.49	
Misc Electrical	\$58.98	
total	\$1,662.19	
		\$2,685.76

Stewardship/Fellowship Report

Members: Todd Kaminski, Doug Ivey, Debbie Egnatuk, Cherie Riser, Marguerite Grupke, Jan Needham, Paul Rauth and Paula Ivey

Our committee put together what we believe to be the first annual cottage meetings for our annual pledge campaign. These meetings also gave the Vestry and finance committee an opportunity to discuss concerns of the parish in small groups. These meetings were well attended and we appreciated the parishioners who volunteered to host a meeting in their home.

For information on the success of our pledge campaign please refer to the "2012 Every Member Canvass Summary"

Our youth coordinator Marguerite Grupke planned many fun events for our youth. These were well attended by our youth of all ages.

Two weddings were held at Trinity this year with our committee members being present to assist the families with their needs for the ceremony.

Doug Ivey our Usher/Greeter chair held a meeting for to review procedures for Sunday services, funerals and weddings. Paul Rauth designed a new button for the Usher/Greeters to wear to be easily identified by our guests and visitors.

The fellowship part of our committee planned an outing in June to Cornwells Dinner Theatre to see "Church Basement Ladies" Fifteen people attended and had a wonderful time.

Debbie Egnatuk has agreed to be the Stewardship Chair and Paula Ivey will be over what we now are calling the "Fellowship" part of our committee. It is our goal to plan many fun activities for adults and families this year.

Submitted by Paula Ivey

2012 EVERY MEMBER CANVASS SUMMARY

January 17, 2012

The every member canvass started with a letter campaign followed by announcements by members of parish finance committee members. The campaign was wrapped up after all members that did not return pledge forms were contacted by committee members. Following are the results of the campaign as of January 17, 2012:

Total Pledge Amount---\$123,506.00

Number of Pledge Units---81 (an increase of 13 units over 2011)

Increased pledge 19

New pledges for 2012 17

Maintained same pledge 42

Decreased pledge 3

2012 total units 81

While we increased the number of pledges and the amount pledged, we are still not receiving enough to support the parish needs without reaching into our investments. Our goal every year should be to support the parish by giving enough to meet the expected costs and needs of our church family. In the coming months we will try to provide more information about parish goals so every member can discern our needs and his or her ability to contribute meaningfully to the parish both in time and money.

Thank you for your support this year.

Every Member Canvass Chair

Ivan Egnatuk

Annual Report 2011 – Dora Perrett Endowment Fund

This committee representing the parishes of Trinity, St. Thomas, and Resurrection meets quarterly to discuss the current status of the Fund and to discuss and authorize the disbursement of funds according to the provisions contained in the instrument.

During the past year, the Fund authorized and disbursed \$2,500 for the Breakfast Project at St. Thomas', and \$1,203.03 to pay the Episcopal Summer Camp fee for interested youth from the three parishes. An additional \$1,500 was authorized, but not disbursed, to pay for a weekend retreat for our youth at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers. If scheduling permits, this retreat will occur this coming spring, before the end of the school year.

The beginning balance of the Fund was \$65,645.71 on 1/1/11. The Fund generated \$1,803.88 in income. Subtracting the disbursements mentioned above, and \$3,887.40 from changes in market value, the ending balance of the Fund on 12/31/11 was \$59,859.16.

Jim Unruh

Chili Supper 2011

40 men and women donated \$830.00 to help run the project.

Thank you all.

Expenses were \$544.67 so that left \$285.33 to start with. We took in \$707.00 Friday night and \$259.67 on Sunday morning which gave us a total of \$1252.00. Thank you all who worked and gave a donation. It takes everyone to make the event successful.

MIT Chairman – Dave Nelson

Sunshine Greetings 2011

Each year Trinity Episcopal Church sends out "Greetings" for Birthday and Anniversary cards for the church members.

This past year 244 Birthday and 59 Anniversary cards were sent out. There were notable cards for sympathy and get well cards with no count on those. Some cards were returned due to change of address or other reasons.

Please leave a change of address corrections or an update with the Trinity office. Thank you.

The Church furnishes the stamps and Anniversary cards and a donor supplies the other cards and does the mailings.

Happy & Blessed New Year! - The Sunshine Committee

TRINITY CHURCH GARDENS

Trinity gardens were on garden tour this summer. We received a framed thank-you picture of our gardens from the garden club. Thanks to several Trinity members for helping to get the garden ready for the tour.

This year, there was some interest in having a children's garden that would be planted and cared for by Trinity youth. We selected a spot behind the back parking lot and put in a framed garden. Many bright colors were evident throughout the year. Unfortunately, the snow plow destroyed the plot so we will not do that again.

There were several new flowers and bushes added to the garden when Darling Hardware donated them to us after the fall storm destroyed their sales area.

We look forward to next spring and the flowers of Trinity gardens.

Jim Needham, chairman

2011 Building and Grounds Committee Report

The Building and Grounds Committee had a relaxed year in 2011, we had no big projects or surprises to work on. We did work to keep the building in good repair and were always ready if needed to do what was needed to do. As we look to a new year we are looking at the needs of the church and will continue to maintain the repair and up keep throughout the year.

The Building and Grounds Committee meets monthly, if you are interested in attending and helping with the upkeep of our property please join us.

Thomas D. Tucker

Prayer Shawl Ministry Report for 2011

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord...

2011 was a slow year for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We're hoping that meant our shawls met their target audiences and prayers were answered! Only 50 shawls were recorded as distributed. It's possible others were given and received, but not recorded in the book. Again our largest numbers went to the Cancer Center of Kalamazoo. Marshall Animal Care Centre is also still giving pet shawls after surgeries for any pet parents who ask for one. Shawls were presented for birthdays, healing, baptisms, comfort, weddings, and, of course, our church family and friends' graduations.

A loud THANK YOU to those of you who donated yarn from garage sales and old craft projects. The extra yarn is so appreciated and helps create shawls when our coffers are empty. PSM members purchase the yarn, needles, hooks, and patterns from their own funds and having these donations helps us continue our ministry of prayer and praise.

The PSM meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and we would welcome your prayers and helping hands; or knit and crochet at home and just bring in shawls to be blessed. Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and advice are available from any of the Ministry Members.

Submitted by Trinity Prayer Shawl Ministry as we continue to...
"Pray for Every Creature under Heaven"

Search Committee Report for 2011 (to be shared at the 2012 Annual Meeting)

On behalf of the Search Committee, we thank the members of Trinity Parish for your patience and prayers during the time of search for a new Rector for Trinity Church Marshall. We took the task seriously and were honored to have been asked. As a committee, we soon recognized the precious gifts and strengths of each person on the committee. As the process moved forward, weary at times, we became stronger in our relationships with each other and with God. During the 2+ years of meeting, planning, interviewing candidates, coordinating schedules, discussion and compromise, God answered our prayers. Jim Unruh provided spiritual guidance and offered prayers before and after each gathering. Nancy Cracraft documented each meeting by preparing and reporting notes. We thank Fr. Bill Spaid for his encouragement and support and the Wardens and Vestry for keeping us on task! We constantly reminded ourselves that God was at work in all this. With your help, our task is complete. Mother Anne's first Sunday at Trinity was October 16th, and on January 14' 2012, was officially installed as our Rector. Yes, our task was completed, but we, along with Mother Anne are just beginning to build a new and exciting ministry as Trinity Church Marshall.

Submitted by Debbie Egnatuk, on behalf of the members of Search Committee: Nancy Cracraft, Beryl Gavitt, Jane Gilbert, Tom Isham, Karl Loomis, Randy Riser, Tom Spitzer, Jim Unruh, Hugh Welsh

From –Anonymous But May Well Be Unanimous!

A Thank You and Apology letter to the Search Committee–

Please accept my apologies for being impatient and pessimistic; for the whining I did to you and to others about what you were taking so long to do.

For every "your selection took a different job, what a surprise? We need to move more quickly and stop losing these candidates."

I was wrong, you were right.

For every "we'll never find a young person with a heart for tradition"

I was wrong, you were right.

For every "there's no such thing as a good preacher AND a good pastor. It's one or the other"

I was wrong, you were right.

Thank you (and I can't believe I'm saying this) for SPENDING SO MUCH TIME being careful, prayerful, frustrated, determined, God filled, concerned, loving, generous..... to and for our church family.

You were right, and I thank you.

Sunday school and Youth Activity Committee Report

We currently have classes for all ages. The nursery has been reopened under the leadership of Wendy Nash. The kindergarden-1st grade class with Nancy Isham has had anywhere from zero to 6 children. The 2nd-3rd grade only has one child and not every week, with Sue Lackey. Anne Uhrie Spitzer has any where 3-8 in her class of 4th grade up to 6th grade. Tom Isham has the 6th grade to 12th and that again is only 4-6 depending on the Sunday. We may have to restructure the way we currently are doing our classes, due to a low attendance.

We need to thank Anne Uhrie Spitzer for doing a great job with this year's Christmas pageant.

We have been having a youth activity every month, during the school year, except this month due to lack of snow. We will be going sledding now in February and if no snow I will plan another activity.

Last January we created, temporary window clings for the windows that were being repaired. For a fund raiser we sold the braided bread in March.

In the spring we planted a garden to be named, "The Children's Garden" and put out our guardian angel. We need to thank Jim Needham for helping with the garden and Sharon. In November, the Kids went to The Fire House to make Christmas ornaments as Christmas gifts for their parents.

The youth group, with the help of several parents, decorated 20 Christmas felt socks, and filled them with personal hygiene items and candy. The kids also made Christmas cards and attached them to the socks. The socks were delivered to a Male Veterans home in Battle Creek. The guys at the home have no families and really appreciated the gifts from the youth group.

I would like to thank all of the teachers and parents who helped with youth activity.

Sue Lackey

BOARD OF MISSIONS
2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission statement:

To increase our vision for, and participation in, local, national and worldwide outreach in the great tradition of Anglican mission history.

Members during 2011:

Kim Smith-Chair, Joyce Connelly-Vestry Liaison/ Margi Brown-Secretary/ John Sullivan-Treasurer/David Begg/ Rosemary Connelly/Tweed Osborne/Babs Schmidt. We acknowledge and appreciate the assistance of all others who have given their valuable time to assist us with our various projects throughout the year.

The funding for the Board of Missions comes from Mission envelopes, fundraising projects and an allocation from the Vestry. We are a small group but, what we lack in numbers we make up with enthusiasm for our projects. Anyone and everyone who is interested in joining the Board of Missions is encouraged to contact one of the members listed above. Our meetings are held the first Monday evening of the month in the Chapel.

2011 Calendar of Events

January – No meeting. Bake sale on 1/30/2011 total raised = \$148.00

February – Meeting held on the 7th. No fund raising activity.

March – Meeting held on the 7th. Pancake Supper, total raised = \$517.00

April – Meeting held on the 4th. Annual rummage sale held on the 15th, 16th and 17th – chaired by Babs Schmidt = \$884.74

May – Meeting held on the 2nd. Hosted coffee hour on the 8th. Backpacks and supplies were collected for the Children of Barnes Mountain, Kentucky, chaired by Margi Brown

June – Meeting held on the 6th.

July – No monthly meeting. Water and cookie sales during the Garden Tour = \$55.86. Chairs donated by John Sullivan for auction = \$150.00

August – Meeting held on the 1st. Fresh vegetables sold by Babs Schmidt = \$22.00

September – Meeting held on the 6th. Hosted coffee hour on the 4th. Water sold during the Home Tour chaired by Kim Smith = \$120.00. Butter Braid sales chaired by Tweed Osborne = \$480.00; 100 loaves sold. David Begg, Margi Brown and Wendy Nash began working with Native Americans to help raise awareness for their issues. David went to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation vision clinic; eye glasses were collected for David to take with him.

October – Meeting held on the 3rd. Basket drawing on the 30th = \$217.00; Baskets donated by Babs Schmidt were won by Jan Needham, James and Nancy Cracraft and Bob Haefele. 31st Board of Mission members and volunteers passed out candy to approximately 1,000 +/- Trick or Treaters.

November – Meeting held on the 7th. Annual pie sales chaired by Joyce Connelly =\$790.00.

December – Meeting held on the 5th. Wrapping on the 17th for the 5 families that were adopted from MAC's chaired by Rosemary and Joyce Connelly. John Sullivan chair, collected assorted office supplies, magazines and candy to be given to prisoners at the Calhoun County Jail for Christmas.

Throughout the year our Board collected food for MAC's and Haven of Rest; Provided Educational materials in the newsletters, bulletins and on our bulletin board. The first Sunday of each month is Missions Sunday, where by envelopes are provided to the congregation to donate money to the fund of their choice.

DISPERSAL OF FUNDS 2011

Episcopal Relief and Development	\$1,000.00
MACS (Marshall Area Community Services)	\$ 600.00
Fountain Clinic (Health Care)	\$ 500.00
Mobile Meals	\$ 500.00
Good Shepherd Home (Cameroon Orphanage)	\$1,500.00
Heifer Project International	\$1,000.00
Heifer Project Christmas Card Sales	\$ 320.00
Christmas Baskets-5 families adopted	\$1,000.00
S.A.F.E Place (Domestic violence shelter)	\$ 200.00
Haven of Rest /Inasmuch House (Homeless Shelter)	\$ 500.00
Salvation Army	\$ 400.00
Food Bank of South Central Michigan	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$7,500.00

Trinity Church Women (TCW)

2011 Annual Report

Beginning Balance (Jan 2011) \$2,777.82

2011 Pledge to Trinity \$1,500.00

Ending Balance (Dec 2011) \$3,438.38

United Thank Offering – Two in-gatherings - \$436.84 collected and sent to UTO

The “Taste of Trinity” cookbook finally is in the green! Thank you for supporting the project. The sale of the cookbook continues. If you don’t have one, get one and remember them as gifts! Just a reminder, this was not intended to be a fundraiser, but a great opportunity to share each other’s “treats from the kitchen”.

Net from Cookbook Project + \$88.00

Once again, the Salad Smorgasbord was a success. We had banquet of tasty salads, appreciative and loyal guests. Our customers look forward to this as much as we do. It was perfect weather in Marshall during the Home Tour week end and the net income was up \$200.00 from last year!

Net from Salad Smorgasbord \$1,614.79

The annual Cookie Walk in conjunction with the Chili Supper is always a great way to kick off the season. Lots of tasty cookies and candy were shared with the community. This has become a wonderful tradition at Trinity. We see familiar faces but continue to have first time guests. Among the first timers this year, were Mother Anne, Matthew and Phoebe!

Net from Cookie Walk \$520.50

Thanks to all who contribute time and resources to these efforts. As a reminder, all women who attend Trinity are members TCW. No dues required! We are planning a Spring Meeting. If you would like to join in on the activities of the TCW, please contact Debbie Egnatuk, Jan Needham, or Keri Koch.

LOAVES and FISHES

Loaves and Fishes has had a very good year. We started our first year by feeding about 50 people. This year we often fed between 80 and 110.

We have 7 shut-ins to whom we deliver meals, and many regulars who join us for good food and fellowship. Many volunteers each month show up to cook, set up, and donate salads and deserts.

Left overs of small quantities are donated to the fire department - larger amounts are taken to the Haven of Rest.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support. With God's help, we will continue to serve the wider community.

God's peace

Jan Needham

Loaves & Fishes 2011 Year End Financials

Community Dinners

Served

Income	\$2,839.25
Expenses	-\$2,345.17
Net	\$494.08

Other Meals Prepared

Income	\$670.00
Expenses	-\$616.52
Net	\$53.48

Donations distributed

Fountain Clinic	\$69.48
Net	\$69.48

Annual Report 2011 – Trinity Visitors

Since establishing this ministry in June of 2010, we have continued to meet monthly in an effort to better meet the pastoral care needs of our parish and community. Occasionally, when only a couple members are able to attend, we cancel an up-coming meeting. We do, however, meet on the 4th Tuesday of most months, from 7 to 8 pm.

We spend the first half of our meeting sharing information on those we have visited, and how they are generally doing. Following this, we discuss whether there are other individuals in the parish or community who might desire a visit. The prayer list is often our major source of this information. However, many times people are placed on the prayer list with little or no information as to why. This is, of course, fine and to be expected. But, we would like to encourage anyone who calls the office to request that someone be put on the prayer list to, if appropriate, also make it known if the person might appreciate a phone call or a personal visit. Perhaps now that Mother Anne is our rector, this lack of information may be greatly reduced. We continue to close our meeting time by discussing a portion of our resource book, “The Gift of Presence: A Guide to Helping Those Who Suffer”, by Joe E. Pennel, Jr.

Based on the recommendation of the Senior Warden this past spring, we took steps towards doing our first group-evaluation. The results of this evaluation are summarized below:

- We decided on an open discussion of our group, rather than an individual and written one.
- The evaluation would be shared first with the new priest, then with the parish, in both the Annual Report and in a subsequent monthly newsletter for those unable to attend the Annual Meeting.
- Our major strengths are that we are available on short notice, and that we are helping to ensure that people who are hospitalized or homebound continue to feel that they are part of the church family.
- Our major weaknesses are that we often are not aware of individuals who need a visit, there does not appear to be a good and easily accessible training program for pastoral care-givers, and, until recently, we have lacked an ordained priest to help meet the more serious needs of parishioners.
- We decided we could improve our ministry by working with and learning from our new priest, by strengthening our communication system, and by continuing to pursue appropriate training.
- In an overall rating of the effectiveness of our group (on a 1 to 10 scale) we gave ourselves an average of 7. We agreed that this translated as “decent, but could be significantly improved”.

We continue to look for and to welcome new members, even on a part-time basis. As St. Paul says in the Letter to the Galatians, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Jim Unruh

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT – TRINITY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, January 29, 2012

Trinity Choirs and Music in Worship

Trinity Choirs provided musical leadership for each Sunday and major festival of the year, save for the summer months. Membership in the Senior Choir remained steady and strong in 2011. The Junior Choir, likewise, is singing with strength, polish and outstanding commitment. Young singers are especially welcomed to join our happy group!

Trinity Choirs are among our parish's strongest ministries. New singers are *always* welcome and strongly encouraged. Please join with us on Wednesdays (Junior Choir 4:00 – 5:00 PM / Senior Choir 7:30 – 9:00 PM).

The choir led members of the parish and community in singing in Christmas-tide singing for residents of the three long-term care facilities in Marshall, and made "house calls" as well.

In 2011, our "Trinity House Orchestra" of guitars and violins, mandolin, bass, cello, and clarinet continued in leading our music on about one Sunday per month, and at Summerfest. We congratulate and thank these loyal and flexible musicians.

The Christine Thick Music Fund provides for the hiring of professional musicians for special occasions. The fund provides partial assistance in the provision of music for the Home Tour in September, and in 2011, for the special service of installation for our new Rector.

Trinity Organ

Trinity's fine Möller pipe organ continues to give excellent service, now in its 63rd year. The organ receives routine tunings twice yearly by Fabry Organs of Antioch, IL. Routine tunings are paid from building maintenance funds, and special work (such as re-leathering and mechanical maintenance) is paid from the Murray Organ fund.

In 2011, some rain leakage into the pipe chambers caused leather problems which were serviced with care by Trevor Dodd of Battle Creek. I am pleased to note that all of the roof seams over the organ chambers have received attention now. **I urge the parish to take due diligence in the maintenance of the roof and flashing over the organ chambers**, so that future rain leakage will not cause expensive repairs.

The parish should be aware that the last major overhaul of the organ (leather parts, mostly) was in 1979. The average service life of organ leather is between 35 and 50 years. At some point within the next 10 years or so, we will need to conduct a capital campaign to fund the next major overhaul.

Given regular service and long-term care, the organ is among the most durable of our physical assets.

The Community Music School

The Marshall location of the Community Music School (a program of the Music Center of South Central Michigan) continues to operate at Trinity, on Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays, and its program continues to expand. Thanks are due to Trinity staff for accommodating the Music School, and to its directors, Nancy Brown, and Alexis Stark.

The time of transition

In 2011, we were blessed with the ministries of excellent supply clergy. The past year has provided us with new opportunities for expanded ministries and greater involvement by parish members. While the local economy has been challenging, the great people of Trinity have stood by the Parish and taken part in new ventures and strong pledging commitment. In late 2011, we were pleased and honored to welcome The Rev. Anne Schaare as our new Rector.

Trinity has shown itself again and again a great parish, of abundant spirit, generosity, and good-will. As we look to the future, let us be grateful for our life together, and pledges ourselves to renewed loyalty and presence in the regular worship and support of this outstanding parish.

Brooks Grantier
Director of Music