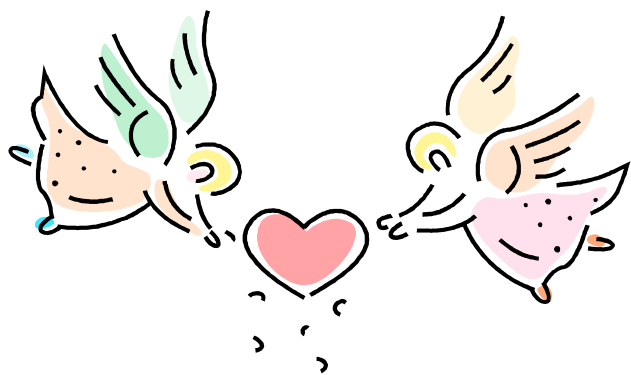


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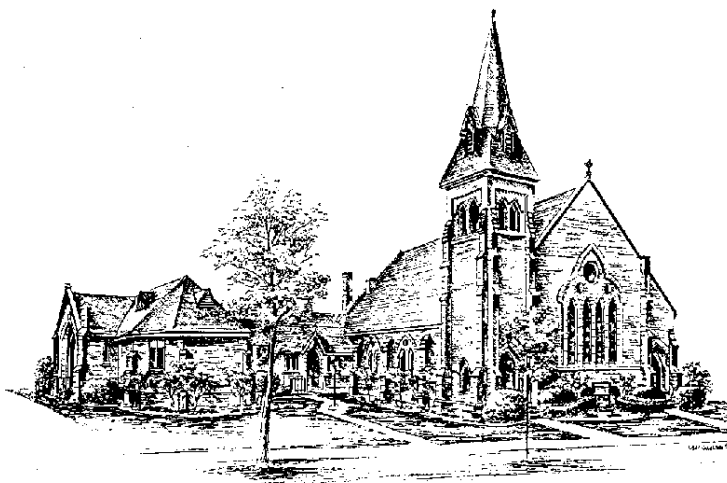
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			Term Ends	
VESTRY	Cherie Riser	Sr. Warden	781-5922	Dec 2010
	Ivan Egnatuk	Jr. Warden	781-3348	Dec 2010
	Jim Cracraft		789-0852	Dec 2011
	Joyce Connelly		781-9736	Dec 2012
	Jane Gilbert		781-8989	Dec 2012
	Doug Ivey		789-2663	Dec 2010
	Sarah Loomis		781-4560	Dec 2012
	Fran Rauth		789-1878	Dec 2011
	Patty West		781-6129	Dec 2011
	Abbie Albright	<i>Vestry Clerk</i>		

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Brooks Grantier, FAGO
SECRETARY	Julie Kaminski
BOOKKEEPER	Angela Hartung
TREASURER	Karl Loomis
SEXTON	Sharon Haefele

Office Hours are:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

From the: **Annual Report from the Sr. Warden of Trinity Episcopal Church**

In the past year our shared ministries and work at Trinity has continued to move forward. Some new things have begun, some newer activities have grown and tried and true events and activities have stayed strong. We continue to work toward the goal of obtaining a new rector for Trinity and remain good stewards of our finances and our building.

In the past year we have continued to feed (literally) the greater community by hosting the free monthly dinners, the annual Salad Smorgasbord at Home Tour, the Christmas season Chili Supper and Cookie Walk!

Our I ministries continued with active Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, acolytes, ushers, choir members and director, a new pastoral Lay Eucharistic Minister to visit those who are ill, hospitalized or shut-in. We minister to the greater community through the use of our building, the free community dinner, by the many events open to all and a new mission trip to Cameroon.

The Vestry made the decision, for mostly financial reasons, to go to one service at 10am. The first Sunday of the month was the Rite I liturgy and the rest were Rite II. We tried this and loved worshipping together, however, this didn't work for all, so two services were resumed with an 8am Rite I and a 10am Rite II services.

This year our every member canvas took a new interactive and inclusive form. Small group meetings were held in Parishioners' homes and presentations were made by the Wardens and the Finance Committee chair. Financial material and stewardship packets were distributed at this time. The Stewardship committee worked diligently making sure invitations and information reached all Parishioners.

Thanks to the dedication and work of Marguerite Grupke and Cecelia McCaleb our youth activities are well established, meeting the third Sunday of each month. They have been helped by several volunteers. My hat is off to all of you!

In preparation for calling a new priest, a Profile Committee was formed. Under the guidance of a Diocesan consultant the hardworking committee created an honest profile of Trinity.

Trinity was blessed with a substantial bequest from the Bea Seaman estate; \$250,000.00 was given, \$125,000.00 to be placed in the General Trust Fund and \$125,000.00 to be placed in the Irrevocable Building Trust Fund. Reports for each of these funds are included in this packet.

Also, in regard to finances: we finished in the black and for the first time in most of our memories, no monies were needed to be used from the income of the Trust Fund. Hooray, for our good financial managers.

Thank you to our wonderful Church staff, Brooks, Sharon, Julie and Angela. We would be lost without all of you! Also, thanks to all committees and chairs. You make Trinity a special place for us all

Cherie Riser

Sr. Warden

Trinity Episcopal Church
December 16, 2009
Vestry Meeting

Present: Cherie Riser, Ivan Egnatuk, George Quick, Patty West, Todd Kaminski

Excused: Jim Cracraft, Fran Rauth, Suzanne Fritz

Meeting called to order: 7:11 p.m. by Sr. Warden Cherie Riser.

Opening prayer and Bible Study: Todd (Luke Ch. 1 39-55)
Bible Study- led by Patty West

Agenda Changes: Parish Hall use on Saturday, Dec. 19

October minutes: Motion to approve as presented. Ivan/George Motion carried.

November minutes: Motion to approve as presented. Patty/Ivan
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: George reported that he and Cherie both attended Finance Committee meeting and \$125,000 was added to the General Fund from the Seaman Estate. As of this meeting, revenue is still down \$8,753, but Trinity Men's group will be paying their pledge before year's end. Also, unused needlepoint money is supposed to be rolled into General Fund. Rental income is up. Operating income is behind. To come in still in December is \$8,700. Ten thousand was collected in Nov. The Christmas offering may change figures. The Finance Committee has found a better and cheaper place (one St. James uses) to do payroll expenses. This should mean a reduction of expenses. Jim Needham and bookkeeper Angela Hartung are working on it. Motion by Ivan/Todd to accept the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

Sr. Warden's Report: Still meeting with staff- all going well. E

Jr. Warden's Report: Ivan reported he is working with Episcopal priest Father Evans from Muskegon whose "gift is the pulpit." Plans are in place for him to preach the Christmas Eve service. Alternate plans have been made in the event of inclement weather. Ivan would like to contract him for Holy Week and Easter. Meanwhile, Ivan continues to negotiate with a variety of clergy.

Committee Reports:

- **Profile Committee** - Tom Isham is currently writing the profile. Debbie will put on the website when completed.
- **Board of Missions (BOM)** - 70 pot pies sold. David Begg has submitted a comprehensive written report to both BOM and the Vestry on his Cameroon Mission.
- **Bldg/Grounds Committee** - George reported on multiple roof bids. Committee proposed spending a one-time fee of \$245 for a sensor alarm system designed to provide additional flood protection for the boiler and choir rooms. Motion was made by Patty/Todd to accept forthcoming recommendations of Bldg/Grds Committee. Unanimous vote in favor of motion.
- **Finance Committee** - Proposed budget given to Vestry to discuss. Motion to approve budget as presented by Finance by Todd/Ivan. Approved. Vestry thanks Finance Committee for its hard work.

- **No Memorial report**
- **No Stewardship report**
- **No Worship report**
- **Youth Committee:** - Todd reported that the Youth Group made the cover design for the church's Christmas bulletin.. Vestry congratulated group on its fine Christmas pageant.

New Business: Julie Kaminski reported on an urgent request from a family who had originally scheduled at the VFW, a memorial service for a loved one. At the last minute, the family lost its place at the VFW and they have requested use and rental of Trinity's Parish Hall and kitchen. Todd recommends that a vestry rep be available to open, welcome, monitor, and lock up. Trinity is glad to have been consulted. Motion by Ivan/Patty to rent the hall with some details still to be arranged. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Cherie announced the annual meeting will be held Jan. 31, after the 10 o'clock church service. The Vestry will coordinate light refreshments. Julie and Sharon will supervise the youngsters downstairs and the Vestry clerk will take minutes. The Vestry continues to work on nominations. A prayer will be added for successful seeking of candidates to fill outgoing Vestry positions. Absentee ballots need to be sent out twenty days prior to the annual meeting and returned a minimum of ten days prior to the meeting.

The Vestry retreat dates have been changed to Feb 12, 13. Ivan is in charge of food.

Ivan proposed an amendment to the Green Book- last paragraph in the section on memorial gifts. His amendment stated that plaques of appropriate size may be placed by the location of a memorial gift. Motion made by Todd/ Patty to adopt the amendment. There followed a discussion on the why of the wording "appropriate size" versus "specified size." Motion was unanimously approved.

Ivan reported on researching fees for supply priests. While supply priests are paid each time they celebrate a regular church service, those set fees do not compensate for events such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, or outside counseling and consultations, etc. More research to be done to determine fee structure.

Other:

Patty wished it to be noted how beautiful the lights on the front doors of the church look at night. She would like to see this lighting continued throughout the year and not just at Christmas. There was also a discussion about a desire for placing tasteful outdoor signs for special events. The Vestry will look into this suggestion at a later date.

George volunteered to lead the opening prayer and Bible Study at January's meeting.

Patty/George made motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer- Todd

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Next meeting- January 19, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Abbie Albright/Vestry Clerk



Deceased:

- Ray Smith
- Peter Houghton
- Charles "Chris" Christner
– Son of Chuck and Jan Christner



It's that time again. Nursery Helper Sign Up Days are here! Let's try 6 months at a time and I'll hit you up once more in June just before the new Summer Sunday School program starts (more about *that* later). Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall for Sundays in January through June. Get 'em while they're hot! Thanks, - Wendy Nash
781.3235-- call if you have questions



Lenten Soup Suppers are coming soon!

Please sign up to bring one of the soups or breads. A committee can sponsor a whole night if they would like. The Sign-up can be found in the Parish Hall.



The Trinity Board of Missions would like to thank Margi Brown, Kim Smith, and John Sullivan for joining the group. We are looking forward to working with them and the future direction of our outreach efforts for 2010. Sincerely, Babs Schmidt - BOM Chairperson

Also from the Board of Missions: The Trinity Free Community Dinner (Feb 16) falls on Shove Tuesday this year. We will have our usual Pancake Supper for this dinner and all donations will go to support the Fountain Clinic. Please plan on being here.



Please Note: Every third Sunday will be a youth group Sunday with activities and fellowship for trinity kids and their friends.



Loaves and Fishes is very thankful for the new volunteers who have graciously offered their time to "feeding people in the wider community". **Also, There will be a meeting for Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, March 9th at 7pm in the TCW room.** Anyone interested in helping us plan our next year, please join us with your ideas, questions and suggestions. Everyone has something to contribute. If you have questions call Deb at 781-3348 or Jan at 781-8537.



Thank you to Fran Rauth for taking on the job of Coffee Host Scheduler.



Tai Chi has started again on Monday nights at 7pm and will continue every Monday evening for 8 week sessions. This is a class for beginners as well as seasoned Tai Chi-ers and is the version accepted by the Arthritis Foundation of America. **The cost is \$70 per person for an 8 week session or \$10 to try one night** and is taught by a "Master Level" instructor. For more information, give Julie a call in the office 781-7881



The Haven of Rest is hosting a fun filled "New Beginnings" Benefit Dinner to raise funds for The Haven's Inasmuch House women, children and family shelter on April 17th from 6-9:30 p.m. at Bedford Valley Golf Course. Please find a copy of the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hallway. This event will be fun for the entire family and friends. We look forward to a positive response and hope that you can participate. For more information please contact Steve Parker at 269-965-1148 x17.



The First Sunday of the Month will be Altar Bread Sunday.

Children or anyone wanting to help make Altar Bread should meet at the Church kitchen around 8:30am.

Advanced Screening will again be offering a variety of medical screenings for artery disease on Saturday, February, 27, at Trinity. Information for registration will be available at the church.



A PASTORAL MINISTRY FOR

TRINITY: Trinity is blessed to begin a new pastoral lay ministry. Jim Unruh, recently retired teacher at the high school, has offered to make calls and visits to those at home, in nursing homes, or in the hospital. He will be available for general visits and to help in emergency situations. He is a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister and visitor and will offer to distribute communion if desired. If you or someone you know, would like to receive a visit from Jim, please contact one of the following persons: Jim Unruh (781-4189), Julie in the office (781-7881), or Sarah Loomis (781-4560 or 781-2708).



St. Marks in Coldwater will be hosting a training event for Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors. If you are interested in the training or need more information please call (517) 629-8710.



From The Diocese of Western Michigan

2010 dates for the Elimination of Racism Program

February 6th

St. Thomas, Battle Creek

March 13th

St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids

March 20th

Grace, Traverse City

Who must attend these programs?

-This first series of meetings is required for Active Clergy, Wardens & Convention Delegates. Vestry members and Christian formation folks are encouraged. You can register on-line at the Diocesan website www.edwm.org. You are not officially registered until payment has been received. Contact Debbie Egnatuk if interested.



Parish the Thought: A note from Julie Angels Around Us.

February is forever the season of love with valentines, chubby cherubs and Cupid with his bow and quiver full of heart-shaped arrows. Visions of angels abound.

I like to think of the angels around us. Not the Hollywood magical kind and not the finely engraved portraits in fancy gold-leafed books. I mean the people around us who are quick to lend a hand when needed.

It can be so easy to be helpful when someone we know is in need; Or in the case of a grave natural disaster when help is so desperately needed and we feel compelled to act. Some of us are less inclined to give aid to a stranger who needs help. It is here we see the angels and their kin.

Years ago I met an odd angel while with my son, Ryan, in a doctor's waiting room. Ryan was very young at the time and very afraid of doctors. This lady noticed his distress and caught his attention with her necklace of bright colored beads. "Here sweetie, you can have these." She said. I tried to graciously decline but she insisted saying it brought her more joy to give a thing away than to keep it. Ryan was calm then and enjoyed the beads. What could I say? I thanked her.

Then, there was this family of angels that helped me the cold winter night my car slid off the road with Ryan and my mother-in-law. The family let us wait in their warm home for the 2 hours it took the wrecker to show up and fix the tire.

And, there was the Sergeant in Iraq who helped my husband, Todd. He pushed Todd out of the way of a speeding truck and the side mirror hit the Sergeant hard on the arm. Todd thanked him and he just smiled back and said, "Don't worry about it sir." He was gone before Todd could get his name.

I've seen so many angels. The world is blessed with a host of them. Heaven sent? Divinely inspired? I'm no angel but I can watch, listen and learn to try to help where I can. Who knows? The next mom with a squirmy child in a doctor's waiting room may be the recipient of a necklace of brightly colored beads from an angel.



Office Notes:

- **The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month.**
- Please note we renew the Prayer List every month.

March 2010

First Week's Peek

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BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Sally Konkle
- 5 Casper Brown
- 8 Ann Loomis
- 10 Babetta Schmidt
Cynthia Isaacs
- 11 Molli LeMay
- 14 Ruth Bamfield
- 16 Rosemary Connelly
- 18 Mike Clayborn
Brooks Grantier
Tara Egnatuk
- 19 Joan Foster
- 21 Donald Fitch
Ivan Egnatuk
Denise Connelly
- 25 Anne Kellogg
Sheri Turner
- 28 Lou Nash

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BAPTISMS:

- 4 George Seaman
- 10 Jack Vezmar
- 14 Marian Johnson
- 23 Sally Konkle
- 24 Sally Vogelreuter
Garrett Isham
- 25 Aaron Nash

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	Feb 7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany <i>Pastor Karen Yakimow</i>	Feb 14 Last Sunday after Epiphany <i>Pastor Karen Yakimow</i>	Feb 21 First Sunday in Lent <i>Pastor Ben Baldus</i>	Feb 28 Second Sunday in Lent <i>Pastor Ben Baldus</i>	Mar 7 Third Sunday in Lent <i>Pastor Ben Baldus</i>	Mar 14 Fourth Sunday In Lent <i>Supply</i>
Celebrant						
Coffee Host	Babs & John Schmidt	Patty West & Suzi Fritz	Youth Group	Men in Trinity (MIT)	Trinity Church Women (TCW)	Board of Missions
Nursery	Wendy Nash	Margaret Nelson	Abbie Albright	Margi & Celia Brown		Sarah Neubecker
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Mary Lu Cartey Tom & Nancy Isham	Judy Blank Ivan & Deb Egnatuk	Chuck Christner Karl & Sarah Loomis	Ellie Lindberg Tom & Nancy Isham	Jack Hill Jim & Jan Needham	Mary Lu Cartey Ivan & Deb Egnatuk
Ushers	Tom & Betsy Tucker	Dusty & Mary Nash	Ron Ivey & Ed Bojas	Kurt & Pam Letzring	Bob & Sharon Haeefe	
Lay Readers	8am Todd Kaminski 10:00 Tim Banfield Bob Haeefe	8am Jim Unruh 10:00 Abbie Albright Jane Gilbert	8am Babs Schmidt 10:00 Fran Rauth Cherie Riser	8am Wendy Nash 10:00 Jim Cracraft Dick Mortensen	8am Jim Unruh 10:00 Tom Isham Sharon Haeefe	8am Jim Needham 10:00 Paula Ivey Chloe Nash
Intercessor	Sharon Haeefe	Sarah Neubecker	Randy Riser	Abby Mortensen	Bob Haeefe	Tom Spitzer
Chalice Bearer	8am Todd Kaminski 10:00 Bob & Sharon Haeefe	8am Jim Unruh 10:00 Jane Gilbert Sarah Neubecker	8am Babs Schmidt 10:00 Cherie & Randy Riser	8am Wendy Nash 10:00 Abby & Dick Mortensen r	8am Jim Unruh 10:00 Bob & Sharon Haeefe	8am Jim Needham 10:00 Chloe Nash Tom Spitzer
Altar Guild	Patty West Margaret Nelson	Dolores Chapman Beth Howard & Emma Bowling	Marian Johnson Sharon Haeefe & Mara Brown	Debbie Egnatuk & Jan Needham	Patty West Margaret Nelson	Dolores Chapman Beth Howard & Emma Bowling
Altar Flower Offering	Open	<i>In Thanksgiving for the Baptism of David & Nora Nash</i> -By Their Godparents	Open	Open	Open	Open
Count Team	M. Nelson / B. Haeefe	D. Ivey/ J. Connelly	S. Lackey/ J. Mason	B. Gavitt/ R. Ivey	P. Rauth /D. Nelson	M. Nelson / B. Haeefe

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