

# Trinity Grand Ledger

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## Letter from Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer

Behold I will make a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?  
Isaiah 43:19

May I paraphrase and say, “We will make a new thing”. There is so much we are doing at Trinity, and I hope to learn all about the history, and missions, and hopes and dreams for our parish. The Vestry has charged me with reaching out to the community, even more than we are already. There is much for me to learn about Grand Ledge, the politics, educational resources, and all the community organizations.

So far, I have been able to meet the Interministry Network, and we have participated in the community Thanksgiving service. We work with and support GLEAP, and I will be finding out more about how it functions, and what more we can do to support its activities. SIREN is an important part of the safety net for the community, and I hope to learn more about how it works.

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We are helping to sustain one homeless young person. I will be working with our social services structures in Grand Ledge to see what we can do to facilitate both food and shelter security for him. Hopefully including employment and a permanent home.

And more than anything, I hope to get to know all of you. Starting with the next Vestry meeting and annual meeting, we will be letting you what plans we have to facilitate conversations with everyone. If you have questions, please reach out to me via email, or give me a call so we can set up a time to get together.

Thankyou all for welcoming me into your spiritual home.

## Verbal Abuse Class

Starting January 9th at 7pm, you are invited to attend a new 8 week class at Trinity Episcopal Church on "How to recognize verbal abuse and how to respond to it".

Learn why verbal abuse is more wide spread than ever and how to deal with it.

You'll get more of the answers you need to recognize abuse when it happens, respond safely and appropriately and most important lead a happier, healthier life.

Contact Rev. Trenna Bruce at 517-930-1741 for more information.

## January Vestry Meeting

The January vestry meeting will take place one week earlier on Sunday January 13, 2019.

The meeting starts around 11:30 am, following the 10 am service.

## Annual Meeting and Potluck

Trinity's annual meeting will take place Sunday, January 20, 2019.

There will only be one combined service that morning at 10 am.

Following the service we will have a potluck, for the potluck bring a dish to pass, your table service and drinks.

The annual meeting will begin after we have eaten. If you are a committee chair and have an annual report do, have it ready for the meeting.

## Cleaning Buckets/Laundry Baskets Outreach

Starting around mid-January you will notice, on one of the tables in the undercroft, empty cleaning buckets and laundry baskets.

If you are able, please take one and fill it up with either cleaning products or laundry cleaning items. When you have your cleaning bucket/laundry basket full, return it to the church.

Once the buckets/baskets are returned, they will be donated to the Grand Ledge Food Bank

## New Year, New Sign-up Sheets

The new 2019 sign-up sheets for coffee hour and altar flowers can be found on the table in the undercroft.

Don't forget to sign up early to get the Sundays that you want.

## 2019 Episcopal Church Calendars

Trinity's 2019 Episcopal calendars are in and available for you to take home.

The calendars are a little different this year, they have changed the placement of the date to the upper right corner, so you can now jot down important reminders on your calendar.

Calendars are on the round table in the undercroft or on the table in the narthex.

## Thanks

If you haven't had a chance to peek into the priest office and see all the updates that have taken place there, please do so.

Thanks so much to Lori Hudson, John & Ellen Bunday and Sallee Anderson for all their hard work to update the office. I know that Rev. Gail is very happy with it.

Rev. Gail's new desk is here and once it gets put together, she will have a lovely office to work in and meet with you in.

## Next on the List

The next room to get an update is the Sunday school room.

This room needs to be ready to be used as a Sunday school room again. As Rev Gail said in her letter to Trinity's members, if you are willing to be a teacher "on call" for church school, please let her know.

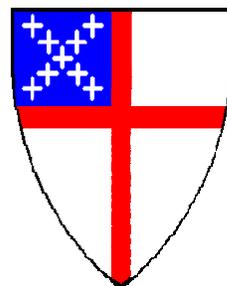
## Mark Your Calendars

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019 Bishop Wayne Hougland will be here for a "Celebration of New Ministry" service for Rev. Gail.

At this time the date is the only information I have on this service. Once the time for this service is announced I will let everyone know.

## Dates to Remember

January 6, Epiphany  
January 9, Verbal Abuse Class starts 7 pm  
January 12, Prayer shawl 10 am  
January 13, Vestry meeting  
January 15, ECW place TBA 12:30pm  
January 20, Annual meeting with potluck  
February 9, Prayer shawl 10 am  
February 17, Vestry  
February 19, ECW place TBA 12:30pm  
March 20, Celebration of New Ministry



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