

# Trinity Grand Ledger

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## Chilly Winds and Warm Hearts Are Busy at Trinity!

The Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, Priest In Charge

Autumn winds are beginning to blow. The trees are splendid in their gorgeous colors, and the snow birds are beginning to find their way to their warmer, or colder, winter homes. Children are back in school, which means dodging school buses twice a day for most of us, but for a few, it means helping with homework, packing lunches, and listening to stories of the day.

At Trinity it really means there is a lot going on! We are working on a number of outreach activities that we share with the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, Grand Ledge community, and churches in the Grand Ledge Area Ministry Association (GLAMA). Watch the bulletin, our website and Facebook postings for announcements and opportunities to join in.

Fall is also a time of considering how we want to participate in Stewardship. Ministry Fair was a chance to review with the various committees what mission opportunities are being offered, and it gave each of us a chance to get to know how we can participate. The Stewardship letters and pledge cards are out and we hope that each member of our community can prayerfully consider how they wish to contribute in time, talent, and treasure to the work of Christ.

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Our Vestry is participating in work to help our parish discern its next steps as Christ's community. The Rev. Canon Bill Spaid held the first of two workshops October 17 for the Vestry and others interested in church development. This work will be shared with the congregation to invite everyone's participation.

As I write this, we are preparing to attend the Diocesan Convention. We have two new members to celebrate as Shelly Wood is to be received, and Michael Parkinson will be confirmed. Their participation in our parish has been a blessing. I ask that all will support them as they continue on their paths of development as members of our community. We will be beginning Episcopal 101 to prepare our next class to be confirmed next spring.

Eucharistic Ministry classes, for those who are interested in renewing or becoming licensed Eucharistic Ministers are underway, Sundays following the 10 am service. I will be offering classes again in the spring if you did not join

us for this fall group. Let me know if you are interested in either Eucharistic Ministry or Eucharistic Visitor.

Thank you to all our committees, Outreach, Worship and Music, Building and Grounds, Hospitality and In-reach, Stewardship, and Adult and child Education for their hard work. We have a hard-working Vestry and committee chairs that makes this system work. We have had several of our newest members find their places on various committees. We will be preparing for our annual meeting in January, so if you are interested in participating on Vestry, please talk to Cliff Knaggs, Senior Warden or me.

### **Bishop Wayne M. Hougland, Jr. Visitation**

Bishop Hougland will be celebrating with us on Sunday, November 17, 2019. There will only be one combined service that morning at 10 am.

Following the 10 am service everyone will go to the new chapel for the consecration of it by the bishop. Then a luncheon in his honor will be served. Plan on attending all these wonderful events.

### **Cookie Exchange**

The hospitality committee is planning on having a cookie exchange on Sunday, December 8 after the 10 am service, during coffee hour.

If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, bring two dozen cookies to church that morning and exchange them for two dozen other cookies. This will be a good time to get a great variety of cookies to put in the freezer for Christmas.

### **Wednesday night Adult Forum**

Communion service on Wednesday nights starts at 5:30p, following by adult forum at 6:15 pm. Beginning October 30, for five weeks the book of

Matthew will be studied, then for the first three weeks of Advent, starting December 4, the adult forum will be about prayer and liturgy.

### **Christmas “Giving Tree”**

This year’s Christmas “Giving Tree” from Trinity will again be adorned with items that can be used in the kitchen, anything from a simple can opener to pots and pans.

All items will be donated to the Food Bank for their Christmas shopping event. The Grand Ledge library will be having their used book sale here at Trinity on Saturday November 30, so the plan is to have the tree up for that, with what donations we have by then on it. So donations will be accepted from now until Sunday, December 15.

### **Church Decorating**

The church will be decorated for Christmas after the 10 am service on Sunday December 22, 2019. Please plan on staying to help with this, the more hands the faster it gets done.

### **Food Bank food during Advent**

All food for the food bank needs to be non-perishable:

Sunday, December 1, Advent 1 Breakfast foods  
Sunday, December 8, Advent 2 Lunch foods  
Sunday, December 15, Advent 3 Dinner foods  
Sunday, December 22, Advent 4 Snack foods

## **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

On Tuesday, November 19 the ECW will be meeting at the Log Jam in Grand Ledge for lunch. After lunch they will be returning to the church to polish altar brass, to get it ready for the holiday season. Everyone is invited to attend both or just one of these events.

## **Food Bank**

With your help, we can meet the needs of our neighbors during the holiday season. We will be focusing on special meal foods and practical gifts for our families.

## FOOD SUGGESTIONS

French Style Canned Green Beans  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Boxed Mashed Potatoes  
Boxed Stuffing  
Boxed Pie Crust (Jiffy makes this)  
Canned Pumpkin  
Evaporated Milk  
Gravy  
Canned Peaches and Canned Pears  
Flour  
Sugar  
Rice Mixes  
Canned Corn  
Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams

## CHRISTMAS EVENT SUGGESTIONS

Gently used and new Christmas Decorations  
New, practical gifts for clients such as:  
Flashlights  
Tools  
Kitchen towels, hot pads and utensils  
Skillets  
Towels  
Body wash for men  
Body wash for women  
Shaving sets  
Toys, games, puzzles

## CLOTHING NEEDS

Men's jeans (clean, used)  
Men's and Children's Coats (clean, used)

Thanks so much for helping during the holidays and all through the year! We could never accomplish what we do without you!

The Grand Ledge Food and Clothing Bank is located at 4980 Burt Street. We are open Tuesdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Thursdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The phone number is 517-627-4348.

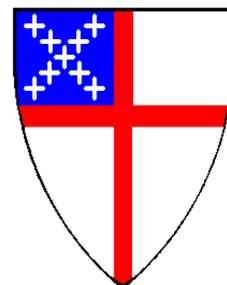
Peace and Blessings,

Cheryl Mulder  
513-325-6302

## **Community Caroling**

A community caroling group will be caroling downtown Grand Ledge before and during the Christmas parade on Friday, December 6. The group will meet at Trinity at 4:30pm and start caroling around 5pm.

If you would like to participate in this event, contact Rev Gail Shafer or Lori Hudson.



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