

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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I hope that you had a wonderful time with family and friends during the Christmas Season. I also hope that you found the Christmas services up lifting and renewing wherever you were during the holidays.

On Sunday January 4, we said farewell to Alayna Young, our Parish Musician for the past twenty-two months. Alayna, who is a graduate student at the University of Western Michigan in organ performance, is to be congratulated on her appointment as the organist of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing. There, she will play an organ that is ten times the size of the one at Trinity, a 72 rank Casavant organ from the 1970s. This is a wonderful opportunity for her, especially while she is at this point in her career. We wish her a bright future and thank her for her time with us.

Music will continue at Trinity in a different way. I will direct the choirs and do some of the organ playing. Marian Stolz will do much of the organ playing and Cindy Buchweitz will continue to accompany the Junior Choir and assist at the organ as needed. I look forward to working with them and with the singers and instrumentalists in the upcoming months

The Parish Choir will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. The Junior Choir will continue to meet on Sundays after the 10 am service.

On Sunday January 11, Sunday School will resume during the 10 am service. Thank you to all of those responsible for the Christmas Pageant on December 21. It was a joy to see!! Thank you to Beth Bedaine, Taylor Dart, Inger Lanese, who directed, costumed, produced the pageant. I hope that this becomes an annual tradition.

On Sunday January 18, Jonathon Lowe, a twenty-six year old missionary from Grand Ledge, who is serving in Bolivia, will preach at the 8 am and 10 am services. During coffee-hour after the 10 am service, he will do a 30 minute power-point presentation on his work in Bolivia and his experiences there with his family. John and his wife had a third child, a son, on December 26, 2008!

On Sunday January 25, there will be a potluck and the Annual Meeting after the 10 am service. There will be a power-point presentation with pictures of activities in 2008!

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday January 14 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm. We will continue our tour through the Old Testament. Newcomers are welcome.

May the peace of Christ dwell in you richly,

Nixon+

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United Thank Offering

Christmas has come and gone. Did you receive the gifts you wanted? Did your children enjoy their presents? Did you have a family get-together with plenty of food for all? Did you remember the 'reason for the season'? Did you worship the King and thank him for his sacrifice?

There are many in this world that didn't get any gifts and were lucky to have enough food to keep from starving. Some of those were right here in Eaton County. If you brought socks and/or slippers, helped tie blankets for the homeless children, and/or contributed to the food bank, you shared some of your bounty. It doesn't have to be much and you can help make a difference. Not just at Christmas, but all year round.

Each day we should ask ourselves what we are thankful for. It is amazing what things come to mind when we think about it. The United Thank Offering gives us an opportunity to do something tangible with our 'thanks'. Drop a coin or two in the 'Little Blue Box'. Keep your box where it will remind you how thankful you are. In no time the few coins will become many and combined with the coins of your fellow parishioners and those of the diocese and the national church, many people will benefit from your thankfulness.

Boxes are available in the narthex and the Trinity Room.

Calendars

2009 Episcopal Church year guide calendars are now available in the undercroft. Cost for these calendars is \$3.00.

Thank You

Thank you goes out to everyone who participated in the food drive for the local Food Bank.

... to Marian & Don Stolz's for their ministry of taking the food from the church to the Food Bank.

... to the Altar Guild members for their extra work at Christmas.

... to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

... to those who provided snacks for Christmas Eve.

A special Thanks to Beth Bedaine, Inger Lanese, Taylor Dart, Elizabeth Rodeck, Ellyssa Knaggs, Nathan Buchweitz, Illeana Lanese, McKinleigh Bedaine, Eryn Fleener, Abigail Knaggs, Trey Fleener, Reese Bedaine, Jamey McBryde, William Lanese, Olivia Buchweitz, Alexandra Knaggs, and the cutest angel there will ever be, Brenna Dart, and then

of course the two big kids keeping everyone straight, Bill Fleener and John Lanese, for their hard work in giving us the sweetest Christmas pageant ever.

More Thank You's

Our Sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas float a success. Especially to the Lanes family; John who flirted with frost bite on his fingers, Inger who did most of the work and William who provided entertainment to keep the wait from being boring. A special thanks to Ron Bewersdroff who so generously loans us his trailer and Tom Anderson who drives the float. And a big round of applause for a very cold St. Nicholas, Father McMillan, and the Sunday School children who make the whole project work.

A big thank you goes to an oversized Christmas angel, Bill Fleener, who did a great St. Nicholas and gifted the children with

gold (chocolate) coins for the Dec. 7th service.

Thanks and congratulations to the youth choir for the marvelous tree which was displayed at the Opera house for the home tour. The tree was decorated with 144 warm stockings and slippers which were delivered to SIREN/Eaton Shelter, the Eaton County organization which provides a shelter for displaced women and children.

SIREN also benefited from the work of the ECW women. Under the leadership of Carole Tyszkiewicz, the group constructed 10 fringed blankets of warm fleece so that each child will have his own blanket when he leaves the SIREN shelter.

Kitchen Supplies

If you are in the kitchen and you notice that we are running low on a certain item, please fill out a kitchen supply request form and either give the form to

Sally Schlee or call Barb Tansey at 627-7129, to let her know what is needed.

The request forms are hanging on the shelving unit in the supply room off the kitchen.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes, for 2009, should be arriving any day now. When they do your envelopes will be on the table in the undercroft.

If you have left over envelopes from last year, you can continue to use them, if you would like, till the new ones arrive.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl ministry will be meeting again on Saturday, January 10, 10 am, at the church.

Chili Cook Off

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Christmas flowers donations:

Duane Falor in memory of Sis.

Mike and Jackie Johnson in memory of Jack & Betty Edgar and Doug & Harry Johnson.

Fr. Nixon and Ann in memory of their parents.

Sally Schlee in memory of Susan & Phyllis.

Jim & Bev Seling in memory of loved ones and family and friends.

Ellyn Weihl

Tom & Sallee Anderson Christmas tree donation.

Bible Study

Bible study will begin again on Wednesday, January 14, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Indoor Clean up Day

Trinity's indoor clean up day will be on Saturday, January 24, from 9 am till noon.

If there is something that you would like to see done, please tell John Lanese or a Vestry member, or plan on being at the church that morning to attend to it.

All ages are needed.

Annual Meeting/Potluck

Trinity's Annual meeting with potluck will be held on Sunday, January 25.

For the potluck, bring a dish to pass, your table service and your drinks.

If you have an annual report to do, please have it prepared and to Jill by Monday, January 19.

The Annual meeting is a time for the congregation to see what went on at church during 2008 and what is being planned for 2009.

Sign up Sheets

It's that time again, new sign up sheets for coffee hour, nursery and altar flowers will be appearing. Sign up soon, to get the dates you want.

Betty Jones has graciously volunteered to help with the filling out of this years flower chart. Expect a phone call from her if you provided flowers last year.

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday this year, please contact Betty at 517-323-3085

Getting to Know You

Born Ann Magwood in Brampton, Ontario, she graduated from the Mississauga, Ont. Public Schools and enrolled in the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital nursing program from which two of her aunts had previously graduated.

On completion of her studies, she worked for two years at the Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital nursing program but left to take a five month tour of Europe with a nursing school classmate. Returning to Kitchener Hospital, she was in charge of scheduling for 12 operating rooms when a friend introduced her to a “nice, young organist” at the First United Church of Canada.

She married J. Nixon McMillan in December of 1976 and she soon recognized that his love of music provided him with a open-door approach to reach people with spiritual needs. In 1988, they moved to Iowa City where he could pursue his Doctoral studies at the University and Ann became a part of the organ transplant team at the University Hospital. They later moved to St. Peter, Minn. Where she worked in the operating room at St. Peter Community Hospital and he taught at Gustavus Adolphus for a year. They returned to Iowa City and his

studies while Ann held a post at a hospital run by the Sisters of Mercy.

In 1993, they moved to East Lansing and he served as Director of Music at All Saints while working on his Doctorate because MSU was the closest Big Ten school to their cottage at Sault St. Marie, Ont., and he needed the excellent resources of the University Library for his studies. Never one to waste her time, Ann became Clinical Supervisor at St. Lawrence, but later transferred to the MSU Dept. of Surgery.

Ann’s life took a major turn in 2001, when they moved to New Haven, Conn., where Nixon accepted a full-time scholarship to Yale Divinity School and the McMillan’s became American citizens. Working part-time in a local emergency room, she became a devoted volunteer as Manager of the book shop at Christ Church and found time to take rewarding classes in a Chaplaincy Program for Nurses.

Nixon graduated in 2004 and accepted an interim post at All Saints in Pontiac where Ann set up a book store in the church gift shop. They also spent 14 months at Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids before coming to Trinity in 2008.

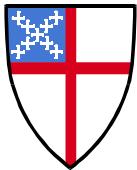
With a schedule as busy as her husbands (on both sides of the border), Ann enjoys time for needlework and singing with a MSU choral group. She doesn’t list cooking as her hobby but her pizza for VBS, Canadian blueberry pies, and many contributions to her husbands get acquainted dinners, would inspire envy even in Julia Childs. Her energy, enthusiasm, smile and infectious good humor make her a perfect complement to her husband and true blessing to Trinity.

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Mission Statement

Trinity Episcopal Church is an inclusive environment, open to everyone, actively promoting God's love in our community and the world through liturgical worship and outreach.

Interim Priest

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Service Schedule

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Worship Center 9:45 a.m.

Vestry email: vestry@trinitypeople.org

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