

# Trinity Grand Ledger

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## “I am Geeked for Lent!” by the Reverend Dr. Gail Shafer

We are approaching the Holy Season of Lent. It is our entry into the mystical gifts given in the life and death and resurrection of God’s Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday, March 6, services will be held at 5:30 pm including the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. All are welcome, so please, invite friends and family to contemplate our mortality, and our salvation.

This will be the first of Wednesday evening services that will continue until Holy Week. The evening will begin with Vespers, and evening worship that is often used in Christian communities to recognize the end of the day, transitioning into night. The service will include Holy Eucharist. A potluck simple supper will follow – please bring soup, bread, salad, or dessert to share. We will be inviting all who wish to attend. During/after our supper, we will have adult formation including discussions on spiritual renewal.

Palm Sunday, April 14, services will be at 8 and 10 am. This is a festival celebration marking Christ’s triumphant return to Jerusalem. We will meet in the Trinity room to gather our palms, then process outside to the front door where we will enter the church proclaim “Hosanna to God in the Highest!”

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The first service in Holy Week is also the first service of the Trisagion. This custom of one worship service that will begin with Maundy Thursday, April 18, including foot washing and Holy Eucharist at 7 pm, and concludes with the celebrations of Easter. Upon completion of this service, the altar will be stripped and the sacrament will be processed to the Altar of Repose. Those who are able are invited to take part in the all-night vigil where we watch and wait with Jesus through the night. Please consider signing up for a watch time to pray.

Good Friday service will be at noon in the church. It will include the Stations of the Cross. We will walk toward the Cross with Jesus through readings and meditations. This contemplative service gives a quiet time as we considered the gift of God’s son, and His sacrifice that we might be reconciled to God. There are opportunities for the congregation to take part as readers through out this service. Please let the church office know that you are interested in reading.

*The Wardens, Vestry, and People of*

There will be a community Good Friday services which will be held for the first time at Mullikan United Methodist Church, 400 Charlotte St, Mullikan, MI 48861 at 7pm Friday April 19.

Easter will begin with the Easter Vigil! Please join us for a campfire and light snacks at 6 o'clock at the back of the church (or Trinity Room for the gathering in case of bad weather). There will be incense at this service. We are researching incense that is minimally irritating/allergen filled to accommodate those of us with fragrance allergies. The Pascal Candle will be lit from the fire and we will process into church bringing the light back as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. If there is anyone who would like to be baptized during this service, please contact The Reverend Gail Shafer as soon as possible to begin preparation. There will be two opportunities for baptism, both at the Great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. All are welcome to participate in this service of renewal.

Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist! We celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and bring back the Alleluias! Family and friends often join us for this happy occasion. There will be a celebratory brunch between the 8 and 10 am services, and Easter Egg hunt for the children.

## **Shrove Tuesday**

Trinity will be having its annual pancake supper on Tuesday night March 5, 2019.

Pancakes will be served from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to this event.

## **All Night Vigil**

The sign-up sheet for the all-night vigil that will take place on the night of April 18, can be found on the round table in the undercroft.

## **Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving time begins on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour that morning.

## **Vespers**

Following Ash Wednesday on Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 pm there will be Holy Eucharist in a Vespers format service, soup supper, and adult formation conversations. Religious communities have times during the day to pause and pray. The two important times are in early morning and evening. Lauds is at day break or early in the morning, and Vespers is at the end of the day, at sunset.

Our modern times and regimented work schedules have made Vespers the time at the end of the work day, as day transitions into evening. "Lucernarium (lamp or lamp-lighting time) was an early name for vespers. Early Christians continued the Jewish custom of prayer at the time when daylight faded and the lamps were lit. The practice of Christian evening prayer dates from the third century. Vespers has also been called the "evening sacrifice" of prayer. Ps 141:2, "Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice," has been traditionally associated with vespers." (from the Episcopal Church glossary).

Incense, a Capella or guitar accompanied singing, and lay homilies will be incorporated in the service. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Gail Shafer 517-927-3099 or [gashafer@aol.com](mailto:gashafer@aol.com) to volunteer. Bring your gifts. Come and be fed.

Hello Friends,

I hope everyone is staying warm and well! Spring is just a month away! I know that does not guarantee warm weather but it sounds encouraging.

FOOD BANK SUGGESTIONS

Chili Beans, Refried Beans, and Kidney Beans  
Mayonnaise, Mustard and Ketchup  
Rice Mixes  
Boxed Potatoes  
Chicken, Tuna and Hamburger Helper  
Ranch, French and Italian Dressing

CLOTHING ROOM IDEAS

Boy's and Men's Jeans in all sizes  
New socks in all sizes

GIFT SHOP/BABY BOUTIQUE

Inspiration Books and Bibles  
Kitchen Utensils  
Dishcloths  
Any new baby item  
Toys (no used stuffed animals, please)

Thanks so much for your support! We have a new baby area so our "littlest neighbors" can get what they need. As always, there is never an expense to our clients for food bank items received.

Peace and Blessings,

Cheryl Mulder  
(513)325-6302

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The Rt. Rev. Wayne M.  
Hougland, Jr.

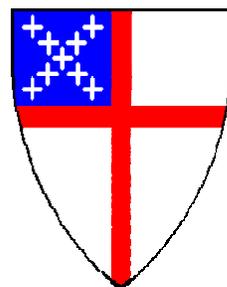
request your prayers and presence  
as we celebrate our new ministry with

**The Rev. Dr. Gail A. Shafer**

on the 20th day of March  
in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand  
Nineteen,  
being the Feast of Thomas Ken  
at seven o'clock in the evening

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
211 East Jefferson  
Grand Ledge, Michigan

Reception to follow.  
Clergy: Choir dress, white stole



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