

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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I hope that you have had a good summer and are rested and ready for the regular round of activities which begin after Labor Day.

Watch for announcements about the **Wednesday Bible Studies** on September 23. Watch for announcements about **Wednesday suppers and Christian formation for children and families et al**, which will occur every second Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:00 pm beginning on September 23. Watch for the announcement of the beginning of the Parish Choir on Thursday September 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Watch for the announcement of the **Lamb Roast at Tom and Sallee Anderson's** on Sunday September 13 at 1 pm. As you watch, continue to pray for our life together!!

In August, members of Trinity Church attended **Christian camps** during the first three weeks. During the first week, the **Diocesan Youth Camp** was held. During the second week, the **Diocesan Junior Camp** was held. During the third week, the **Adullam Choral Camp** was held in Canada. Trinity Church provided campers and leaders for these events. Trinity provided financial support and staff support for these events. **Trinity pulls its weight outside of Grand Ledge!**

Look for announcements of camping opportunities for next summer and encourage your parents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, friends, neighbors, enemies, spouses, fiancées, teachers, bankers, and the mayor to attend.

By the way, Kal and Marsha Smith were at camp most of the summer. Ask them about it.

In August, the church's heating system was removed. It will be replaced with a **new hot-water heating system** before the cold sets in. Thanks to John Lanese, Junior Warden, for his leadership in this much needed improvement to our century-old facility. Watch for fundraising endeavors for this project (over several years).

After eighteen months on the **Vestry**, **Yvonne Fleener** has resigned because she is unable to manage the time demands of a new job and her vestry responsibilities. Thanks to Yvonne who demonstrated her usual enthusiasm when she volunteered to fill an uncompleted vestry term, and was subsequently elected by the Vestry in the Spring of 2008. She provided leadership in many ways. In particular, you may recall her direction of Vacation Bible School in 2008 and her grant writing with John Lanese, which resulted in a \$15,000 grant for the new boiler system.

At the meeting of August 26, **the Vestry elected Bev Seling** to fill the uncompleted term of Yvonne Fleener. Thanks to Bev who leads so capably in our parish. She is secretary of the vestry, a member of the Altar Guild, Chairperson of the Treasury of Memories, and will become a regular weekly office volunteer beginning this month.

The **Parish Choir** will welcome:

1 more Soprano
2 more Altos
1 more Bass
1 more tenor

Please contact me if you are interested or if you know of someone whom I should approach about one of these openings. My cell number is (248) 978-5537.

Rehearsals are

Thursday evenings (from September to the end of May) from 6:30 pm until 8:09
Sunday mornings (from September to the end of May) from 9:15 am until 9:47

Services are

Sundays (September to the end of May) from 10 am until 11:14

Late in August, I received a CD with pictures and information about the two-church **parish in Southeast Asia** for which we raised the money to provide a roof for the smaller of their two churches. The CD includes shots of the construction and pictures of the nearly completed new building. Copies of this CD are available for anyone who wishes to see it. As well, it will be available to view after Sunday services.

Vestry member **Marian Stolz** is retiring again from regularly playing for our 10 am services. In January, she returned to the organ bench after Alayna Young became the organist of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing. We are very grateful to Marian for the joy she brings to us, especially with her hands and feet. She is a sensitive accompanist and service player. For the past two months Marian has been playing both of our pipe organs on Sunday mornings and demonstrating the distinctiveness of each. **Marian will finish on Sunday September 6**, the Sunday before Labor Day.

Our thanks to Cliff Knaggs, Fr. Walton, and Deacon Cindy Nawrocki for officiating at Sunday services while I was away this summer! Your ministries are greatly appreciated!!

On Sunday August 30, I announced **my election as Rector of St. Paul's, Albany, New York**. My appointment begins on All Saints Day, November 1. I will say more about this in next month's newsletter.

May God richly bless you in His service,

Nixon+

Drivers Needed

Ellyn Wehl has asked if there are people from Trinity that would be able to drive her to and from her doctor's appointments and also to bring her to church on Sunday's. If you have not already contacted the church office about putting your name on the list and you would like to be included, please call the church office.

Choir Practice Begins

Choir practice begins on Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Please contact Fr. Nixon more information.

Backpacks

A big thank you goes out to all that donated the back to school backpacks and the items to fill them. I'm sure the children that received were very grateful. Thanks to Denise Clarity for coordinating this good cause.

Unused Items

Another box, which included our old funeral pall and Fr. Nixon's unused clergy shirts, was sent out to Gini, who is in the Diocese of Atlanta. Gini and 12 others will be taking our items and those from other parishes to Central Ecuador to those who need them. Last year we sent out two boxes of vestments and hangings that we no longer used or needed and Gini took them to Ecuador also. Please keep Gini and the Diocese of Atlanta Seeding Mission in your prayers.

Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes to Roberta Doty who will be having a birthday on the 15th of September. Let's see how many cards she can receive from those of us here at Trinity, to give her some birthday cheer.

New Grandparents

Congratulations to Jim & Carol Nama, who became grandparents for the first time in August. On August 10, Sarah & Mark Koenig's baby girl, Elliot Lyn Koenig (Ellie) was born at 2:12 a.m., she

weighed 6lbs. and was 18 1/4 inches long. Congratulations to Sarah & Mark also. Sarah is Jim & Carol's daughter.

School Clothes

Clothes and shoes were collected from members at Trinity, to help two homeless girls have something new to wear for the beginning of school. Thanks to all who donated items for them. Thanks to Carole Z for coordinating this outreach.

Diocesan Altar Guild Training

Calling all sacristy rats, young and old alike, (and wanna bees) save the date October 10th, at 10 a.m. The diocese is having a rebirth of the diocesan Altar Guild at St. Marks, in Grand Rapids. Plenary speakers Anne Davidson and Robin Ellis will be speaking on decorating and seasonal colors. There will be several breakout groups after lunch and a swap table throughout the day. The day will conclude at 2:30 with Eucharist.

The cost for this event is \$6 per person, which includes lunch. I, Jill, plan on attending this and if you would like

to go also, please contact me.

Crop Walk

The Grand Ledge Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 4. As of now, we do not have a coordinator for this event, if this is something that you would like to do, please contact the church office. There will be a sign up sheet in the undercoft, for those who would like to walk

Walk for Sudan

Saturday, September 19, 2009 is the date for the Grace Church/Sudanese Grace Church Sudan Mission Committee's fourth annual walk for Sudan. Money raised from the walk goes to purchasing school supplies for needy schools in five regions of South Sudan. During 2008 and spring of 2009 over \$12,000 in supplies were purchased and distributed. Join others who support these efforts on Saturday morning September 19th. Registration begins at 7:30am in the Grace Church parking lot, 1815 Hall St, SE; Grand Rapids, MI. The 5K walk begins at 8:00am. Walker sponsorship is encouraged and those raising

\$50 or more will receive a walk t-shirt. The registration flyers for this are in the undercroft on the table at Trinity.

Diocesan Missions 2009

Two Diocesan missions are scheduled for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, October 23rd through November 1st and New Orleans, November 30th through December 11th.

The Diocesan Mission Conference held this past March at St. Andrews in Grand Rapids elected to once again help the Gulf Coast. In 2008, sixty-eight parishioners from twenty-one individual Diocesan churches volunteered.

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with the Bishops of the Diocese of Mississippi and Louisiana in the continuing relief effort.

In Mississippi, Camp Coast Care provides volunteers housing and three good meals per day. Volunteers work reconstructing houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Other volunteer opportunities include food preparation and serving, plus Camp maintenance. Camp Coast Care works in four resort towns just west of Gulf

Port, Mississippi. One of the towns, Bay St. Louis, is where the Camp is located. The Camp estimates there are still 1800 families without housing in the aftermath of the hurricane. Forty beds have been set aside by the Camp for volunteers from the Diocese. More information about the camp is on the web at campcoastcare.com.

In New Orleans, the Bishop has provided the Diocesan Hospitality House with twenty beds for our volunteers. The Hospitality House is located near the French Quarter. It is a three story home with a full kitchen facility. With no work on the weekend, the French Quarter is easily accessible. Besides home reconstruction, relief opportunities include food and clothing distribution, meal preparation and serving, and case management data entry. The web site for the New Orleans mission is edola.org.

Special skills are not required to participate in the mission, although knowledge of home repair is a plus. Work assignments can change from day to day. Volunteers work at their own pace with rest breaks as needed and are trained on the job under a skilled crew leader. Flexibility, a willingness to help oth-

ers in need, and the ability to live and work in a cooperative community setting is essential.

To volunteer for either or both missions, or for further information, contact Terry Dorcy at tjdorcy@aol.com. Terry's phone number is 269-349-3625. Terry is a member of St. Luke's in Kalamazoo. You may also contact Lynn Carson, a member of Christ Church in Charlevoix, at lecarson2002@yahoo.com, or Rev. Deacon Cindy Nawrocki, rocki@att.net.

Trinity Members for Your Prayers

Betty Bottom
Tom Clark
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Ellen Weihl

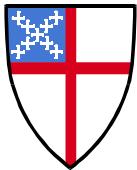
Don't forget about the Lamb Roast, Sunday, September 13, 2 p.m. at the home of Tom & Sallee Anderson, 6398 E St. Joseph Hwy. Grand Ledge. Dish to pass, table service and your drink.

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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.

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Service Schedule

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