

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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The participants in the **Wednesday Bible Studies at 2 pm and 7:30 pm** are reading the **Gospel of Luke**, which is the Gospel read during Year C of the Sunday Liturgical Cycle. Year C will begin again on Advent 1, Sunday November 29. To aid in the understanding of Luke's Gospel and to foster discussion, **Luke for Everyone** of N. T. ('Tom') Wright is the book being read. Wright (Church of England Bishop of Durham and well-known New Testament scholar) uses a daily study-Bible format that is similar William Barclay's series of fifty years ago. The reading comprises a couple of pages per day on five days of the week. (Some people will read it in less than an hour the night before and this is fine also!)

**Christian Formation for Children** will continue in the pattern set last year. On the first three Sundays of the month, during the first half of the 10:00 am Eucharist, John Lanese, Junior Warden, will teach the children using the material provided by The Episcopal Church and designed for Small Congregations. The lessons are based on the Gospel Lesson for each particular Sunday. The children will then join the rest of the congregation at the Offertory of the 10:00 am Mass. On the fourth Sunday of the month, breakfast will be served at 9:00 in the Undercroft under the leadership of Paul Viles of the vestry. Children will then participate in the whole of the 10:00 am Eucharist with the rest of their families. John and Paul will welcome your assistance in these endeavors.

The **nursery** continues to be under the supervision of Susan Salisbury who is assisted by her son Brandon. They are present for the first three Sundays of the month, and volunteers for the fourth Sunday of the month may sign up on the list, which is located on the round table in the corner at the kitchen end of the undercroft.

Confirmation class for those who are or will be sixteen or older in the Spring, will be led by Sallee Anderson in the New Year. Speak with Sallee about involvement in preparation for Confirmation by Bishop Gepert.

Thanks to all of these people for their leadership! Your ministries are appreciated!!

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We are very, very appreciative of the hospitality of Tom and Sallee Anderson, who again hosted the **Lamb Roast!!** On Sunday September 13 at 2 pm, we enjoyed live music by their sons-in-law, John Lanese and Bill Policastro. We enjoyed fellowship with parishioners past and present. We feasted on wonderful food which featured the prizewinning lamb from this year's Michigan State Fair and which was roasted on the Anderson property by Tom Anderson and Jim Cruickshank. Carvers also included Mike Knaggs. Thanks to all of you for your salads, vegetables, and desserts! This annual 'homecoming' is close to being a forty-year tradition.

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The **new heating system** is being installed and should be operational within the next two weeks. The new radiators are already installed and new piping, which will be painted later, is visible in the undercroft. Fundraising suggestions are being accepted by the vestry, which is also investigating possibilities. Thanks to Roger Lee for his leadership in this area.

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At the September 16<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting **John Bunday was elected to serve on the Vestry** in the unfilled seat for a youth representative. Thanks to John and to Bill Fleener, Jr. who also volunteered to be considered for this seat.

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Early on Sunday morning October 4, I received email from **Rev. Philip in Southeast Asia**. He was able to read our website while in their capitol city and to learn that the CD of pictures had arrived in Grand Ledge. If any of you wish to see a CD of pictures and information, please call our church office.

Rev. Philip said that the natural disasters throughout his part of the world had even hit his inland area where mudslides had affected many villages. He asked that you keep the people of his parish in your prayers. I also ask you to keep him in your prayers. Pray that God will give him wisdom and strength in all that he does in building God's new kingdom in a country where the people are so oppressed.

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During the afternoon of Sunday September 27, members of the vestry experienced **equine therapy** at the suggestion of Inger Lanese who works in this area with a psychologist. For me, this was a very valuable experience of team work, which I hope to take advantage of in the future. While this sort of technique is used for business and industry in developing staff, its use with a church vestry may be breaking new ground. I hope that Trinity parish will have other opportunities to use this tool. Ask Inger about her work!

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Sunday October 11 will be the last Sunday that Ann and I will be at Trinity before we move to Albany, New York. We will travel to New Haven, CT, and Albany for a week before returning Okemos to pack for our move. Our first Sunday at St. Paul's, Albany will be All Saints Day, November 1. On Sunday December 13 at 4 pm, I will be installed as Rector of St. Paul's by Bishop William Love.

At the same time, Ann and I are sad to leave Trinity, where we have come to love so many people. We will always be grateful for our time among you. God has blessed us in many ways during this short time and we will miss experiencing His love in your presence.

I am very grateful to Jill Knaggs, our secretary and administrator who always works until everything is completed thoroughly and does all things with skill and a joyful attitude! I am thankful for the vestry, which is supportive and cohesive. Thanks also to all of you who make Trinity what it is by teaching Sunday School, working in the Altar Guild, singing in the choir, providing for coffee hours after the at 8 am and 10 services, serving as Eucharistic Ministers, working in the office Monday through Friday, working in the kitchen for breakfasts, lunches and receptions, participating in Bible Studies, working on parades and social events, maintaining and improving the physical plant, giving generously to support the mission of the congregation, the diocese, and the national church, giving food for the food bank, and many, many other ways. Last of all I must extend my deep appreciation to Sallee Anderson who gives in every way as she leads us as Senior Warden. I am only able to describe Sallee with superlatives in all areas of her life and work among us.

May God richly bless you as you continue in His service in this place!!

Ann and I hope that you will feel free to visit us in Albany. We look forward to sharing our new experiences with you and hearing about you and yours!

We will miss you and we will keep you in our prayers!!

Peace,  
Nixon+

## Condolences

Our condolences goes out to Joanne Clark and her family following the passing of her husband Tom.

Tom passed away on Wed. September 23, 2009. Tom's funeral was held at Trinity on Monday, September 28.

## Our Next Chapter

On to our next chapter. Trinity, as I'm sure all churches have, has had many chapters in it's life and it is about to begin a new one.

From the chapter that is ending, I want to thank both Fr. Nixon and Ann for all they have done here at Trinity with us

He only said he would come for six months and he stayed 1 1/2 years, (how many times have I said that in the last six weeks!). In that year and a half, I have learned so much from them both. Like, now as I put your Sunday bulletins together on Thursdays, I know why there is service music in certain places in the service. Imagine that, he taught me about music!

I will never look at the book, The Shack, again without re-

membering last summer's book study with Ann and Nixon. All the laughs and tears we all shared during our study

Fr. Nixon has been a great cheerleader helping us to recognize what a great congregation we are and motivating us to do better. We all just need to remember this and keep it going. We are a great group of people, with a lot of potential.

It is hard to see them go to their next calling, but I certainly wish them well and am so glad that they were able to spend time with us. Thanks again to you both and may God Bless you in all that you do.

When our adventure continues with our next chapter on November 1, let's try not to say I'm too busy, my plate is too full, let's say why not! I can do that! Let's keep the momentum going, only God knows what is coming for all of us here at Trinity and let's see what that is!

**GO TRINITY!!!**

Jill

## Festival Of Joy

The First United Methodist Church, Music Endowment committee presents the Festival of Joy.

A concert of all sacred music, featuring the talents of our local area churches, will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 3 p.m.

Punch and cookies will be offered after the concert. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Free-will offering's proceeds will go to the Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program (GLEAP) and the FUMC Music endowment fund.

The First United Methodist church is located at 411 Harrison St. in Grand Ledge, on the corner of West Scott and Harrison.

## Outdoor Clean up Day

**Trinity's outdoor clean-up day will take place on Saturday October 24, at 9 a.m.**

**If the date or time changes, a call will go out from your vestry.**

### Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday October 4, at the 10 a.m. service it was a zoo. There were 47 people, 10 dogs, 1 sheep and 1 snail in attendance.

The dogs all loved to sing along with the choir, but they all listened quietly during the sermon. The snail and sheep were very quiet during the whole service.

Thanks to all who helped make this a special day.



Jamey and his snail



The Lanese family



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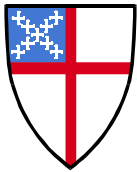
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**Our Mission Statement**

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.

**Interim Priest**

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**Service Schedule**

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m..

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