



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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A Visual Presence

The Vestry is pursuing ways for Trinity Church to become a more "visual" presence in Grand Ledge. One of the ways we suggest you can help is enter and leave church through the front door, even though you may park in the city parking lot. People entering and leaving the building is a good way to tell passers-by that we are alive and well. Also, the parking lot between church and the Davis Professional Building can be used on Sundays for easier access to the front door.

Another presence you may not have noticed is John Lanese playing his guitar on the ramp in front of the church. John cannot publish a schedule for his "presence" due to inclement weather and his own out of town obligations. However, if you would like to bring a lawn chair and listen to his music, call his home (517-626-6410) before 6pm on any Friday to find out if he will be playing.

Church Office Hours

Starting June 1, 2010 till Labor Day, the church office hours have changed to Thursdays only, 9:30 till noon.

Kitchen Supplies

Trinity is in need of someone who will keep track of kitchen supplies and when they get low, go and purchase more. Then the church will reimburse you for what you bought. If this is a ministry that you would like to do, please contact Sallee Anderson.

Crop Walk

Grand Ledge's annual Crop Walk will take place on Sunday October 3, 2010. The church has been contacted and asked if we have someone who would be willing to coordinate a team from Trinity. Trinity was contacted because we have participated in the past. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Jill Knaggs at the church, 627-6287, on Thursday mornings.

Diocesan Local Youth Mission Trip

High school students' (with their adult mentors) are invited to spend a week serving communities in our Diocese. They will spend 1/2 the week at Epiphany, South Haven and 1/2 the week at St. Mark's Grand Rapids. They will be sleeping overnight in a church, cooking their own food and helping those in need. Follow this link to get more information and to learn how to register: <http://edwm.org/form/MYP/LMT.htm>.

An Evening With Mark Twain, On The Occasion of the Centennial of His Death

Experience life on the river like Samuel Clemens might have in the days of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer. Enjoy a dinner buffet aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat while you take a smooth cruise. Then sit back and relax while Devin Burnham brings Mark Twain to life. Tickets are available at www.michiganprincess.com or by calling 517-627-2154.

Diocesan Altar Guild to have Second Annual Training Day

The Diocese is offering a second Altar guild training day on Saturday, September 11, 2010, 10 a.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Come meet other altar guild members from around the diocese, network, brainstorm, tell your stories and listen to others. All men, women and children are welcome to attend the training day. Registration will be open at 9 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m. Our plenary session, "Liturgical Threads," will be in the church. Then enjoy lunch, have a choice of four breakout sessions in the afternoon, a short break and end with Eucharist.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

The Altar Guild: A Ministry of Hospitality and Welcome

Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

National Altar Guild Associa-

tion — Winter 2010

When we think about hospitality and welcome in churches, we most often think of greeters, ushers and newcomers committees. But the fact is that the first work of hospitality comes in the ministry of the altar guild - long before anyone walks into the church for the celebration of the liturgy.

As a young boy, growing up in a very Italian household, I often participated in the holy ritual of preparing the house for Sunday guests. Everything had to be washed and arranged: tablecloths and napkins pressed, furniture arranged, dishes put out, and the entire house made ready. There was pride and a holy sense of welcome and inclusion that was the motivation behind every step taken to prepare for the feast that would follow.

Over the almost three decades of my ordained ministry, I have often reflected upon the holy work of hospitality and welcome that has engaged the imagination and dedication of our altar guilds. Women and men diligently and prayerfully working to create an atmosphere and space that welcomes the people of God in the mystery

.of an encounter with the Trinity, and with each other in the particular workshop style of the local congregation.

Welcome comes in expressions of inclusion. We often say things such as: "it is great to have you join us today" or "can we show you where the nursery is located" or "please join us for coffee hour."

But welcome and hospitality begin much earlier in the preparation for liturgy. It begins the week before when an altar guild member launders the purifications, irons the corporals and makes certain of the liturgical color. It is created when silver is polished; wine is poured and sufficient bread is put in place. In each action, the altar guild person prayerfully says "welcome" to the people of God. Their actions say loudly, "we care that you are coming to worship with us and we want you, the guest, to know how much we care about our worship of the Trinity.

There is no greater tool for church growth than the careful preparation of the space in which we call God' people to worship. This comfort and care in preparation says everything to the people of God

about our understanding of our relationship to God - and each other. The holiness of this work is not found solely in the function of cleaning and putting things in proper place. It is understood in the being of each person who dedicates prayer and time to welcome all who come seeking a connection to God and each other.

Spring Outdoor Clean up

A special thank you goes out to all that helped with the Spring outdoor clean up day in May. The outdoor workers and the food preparers.

Mulch was added and grass was planted to the front landscape of the church.

Pictures from this work day can be found on our Facebook page, under Trinity Episcopal Church.

Choir

The choir will sing the first two Sundays in June and then they will be off in the summer and begin again after Labor Day, with the first Thursday rehearsal on September 9 and their first Sunday offering on September 12.

Thanks to all who have participated in the choir this year, the music has been great. We all will be looking forward to the start of choir again in September.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Barb Tansey, following her death on Thursday, June 3, 2010

Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Barb had been a member of Trinity for 65+ years..

Dates to Remember:

June 12, Prayer Shawl 10 am

June 13, last choir till September

June 16, Vestry 7:30pm

June 21, ECW potluck noon

September 9, Choir rehearsals begin for the fall

September 12, Annual church lamb roast 1pm

September 12, Choir Sundays begin for the fall

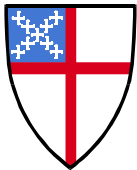
October 3, Blessing of the Animals and Grand Ledge Crop Walk

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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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Member	Marian Stolz	(1/2011)	627.7712
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Member	John Lanese	(1/2011)	626.6410
Member	Michael West	(1/2013)	321.1766
Member	Connie Fast	(1/2013)	517.543.2587
Member	John Bunday	(1/2011)	517.626.2149

Church Musician

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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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