

# Trinity Grand Ledger

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2023 – Another New Year!

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting, January 29 after the 10 am service to help us reach a quorum. 50% of members are required for us to do any business. There will be the fifth Sunday potluck that day as well, so come and be fed, and join in supporting your church as plans are made for next year.

If you feel the call to serve Trinity as a member of Vestry, there are three openings for the class of 2023! Let Justin Gregory, Senior Warden know if you would like to join this faithful and important group of Trinitarians. Our faithful Junior Warden, Lori Hudson, has to rotate off the Vestry, as will John Lanese, Clerk. We have at least one open seat going in to the meeting.

As we prepare for the annual meeting, I encourage everyone who has not turned in your pledge to do so. This helps the Vestry budget realistically for the coming year. Trinity has been able to perform so many wonderful community outreach and support activities thanks to the financial support of our members. Additional support in the form of talent and presence are needed for us to continue this work. Turn in your pledge form at the office, or put in in the collection plate on Sunday.

Trinity has formed several partnerships with other churches and community organizations. One is with Grand Ledge United Methodist Church. They are starting a community meal once a month, and they are looking for help in cooking and serving the meals. Shelly Wood is our leader in this venture, so be sure to talk with her about taking a turn as a cook or server! The meals will be provided at no cost for anyone that comes. The hope is to provide nutritious meals to our food insecure and homeless individuals in our community.

The New Year portends a number of changes for Trinity. I plan to retire by the end of May, or earlier if there are candidates for a settled pastor before then. It has been a wonderful time at Trinity, and it has not been an easy decision for me. However, I need to be able to spend time with family at this time.

Please keep Trinity in your prayers as we plan for our work and presence in Grand Ledge as the hands and feet of our Lord.

Blessings,

The Rev Dr Gail Shafer

Dates to Remember:

January 29, Annual Meeting and potluck

February 21, Shrove Tuesday

February 22, Ash Wednesday, 7 pm service

March 12, Daylight-saving time begin

April 2, Palm Sunday

April 7, Good Friday

April 9, Easter