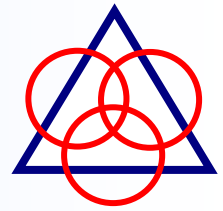


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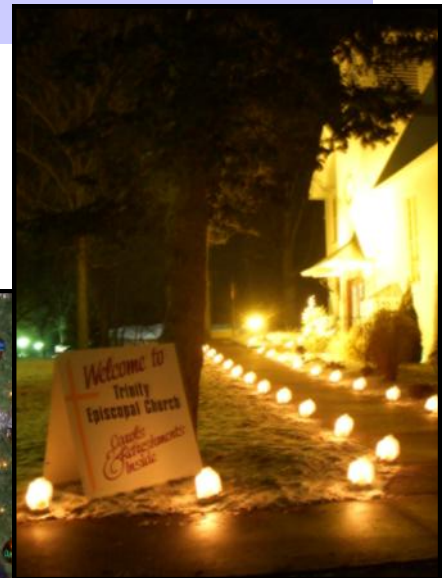
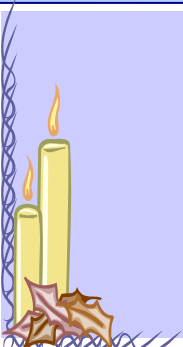


January 2011

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Candlewalk

In service to our community



The Work of Christmas

The work of Christmas? Wait... it's January. It's 2011! 2011? Yep, 2011. But as I write this we are still in the season of Christmas. The 10th Day of Christmas to be exact. After we have spent 12 days being Christmas people, trying to savor the gift of a Savior, trying to hold on to the joy, wonder and mystery of it all while people have been quickly moving forward, barely pausing to take a breath and just trying to "make it through the holidays" ... what then? Well... it's time for us to move on too.

This week we transition to a new season, the Season After the Epiphany. On January 6th we celebrate the day that the wise men arrived in Bethlehem and not only encountered our Messiah, Emmanuel, God with us... but helped to further reveal the Christ child and his true identity to the world. We have benefited from their long journey and diligent search for the Messiah and now are followers of that child. As we begin a new year we get to ask as a parish and as individuals: how will we continue to diligently search for our Messiah? How will we join him in his mission to heal the world? How will we help others who are searching for him and the hope, love, and grace that he brings?

As I leave you to consider this question I share a poem written by Dr. Howard Thurman, a spiritual advisor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who's birthday we celebrate this month.

The Work of Christmas by Dr. Howard Thurman

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart."
 — The Mood of Christmas, 23
 New Year & Epiphany Blessings, Lori+



Thank you Everyone

Who pitched in and decorated not once but twice and then helped during Candlewalk and "tear-down". We proved that Trinity is truly a family that works together. We were able to present a beautiful facility to the community during Candlewalk and the whole Christmas season.



A big "Thank You" to Debbie Josling for making the wreath sale a success.

Debbie sold 77 wreaths! Also, thanks to Debbie's dad, Frank Jessop, for helping Debbie deliver those 77 wreaths.

“The Experiment” revisited

In November I wrote about an “experiment.” Some reading reminded me of our need to not be isolated in a “Christian Bubble” if we are truly to be Christ’s hands and heart in the world. The Church is Christ’s body *in* the world... not on the sidelines or hovering at the fringe. That means as a Church, and individual members of that body, we need to keep putting ourselves out in the world. Only then will we be able to change negative stereotypes about the Church & Christians and be more aware of the needs, concerns, hopes & dreams of our community and the world beyond.

The experiment was my response to feeling we need to be intentional about being present in the world, in meeting new people, breaking down negative stereotypes that persist. The goal is not to add a number to a tally sheet, but to help people Jesus asked us to help and to raise awareness that a connection to God and a spiritual community are good things to seek. My experiment resulted in a new acquaintance at a bookstore. I was reminded we need to make repeated visits to places to keep meeting new folks and run into those we’ve met again. We have to be willing to risk ourselves a little, to smile at a stranger, to find common ground and start a conversation, then see where it goes. It also helps to pray. Ask God to help us bump into those people we’re supposed to meet.

How’s it going? I’ve seen my bookstore friend a couple more times, loaned him a book & took him a Bead for Life bracelet. I went into Duffy’s to sell a wreath and chatted with 2 nice women. I’m getting to know the gals who work in Downtown Designz & the City Shoppes Café, a Bueche’s cashier is starting to recognize me, and I wandered the streets at Candlewalk inviting people to visit Trinity for refreshments & a craft. There have been others too.

Your Turn! I’d encouraged us all to look for opportunities to meet new people or get to know acquaintances better. How’s it going? Let’s share breaking out of the bubble stories.

Peace, Lori+



SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

January 2011

Following along the theme from Reverend Lori's Christmas Eve sermon; ***"It's been a good, good month!"*** Wow, you pulled it off! As always, when things need to be done, everyone pitches in and it somehow happens. It was a very busy month and you all came together to get everything completed leading up to our Christmas Eve celebration.

Thanks to everyone for unselfishly giving of your time and talents these past few weeks. You accomplished much and included the following.

Making Christmas wreaths over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Distribution of the wreaths

"Hanging of the Greens" and decorating the sanctuary and lounge the Sunday following Thanksgiving

Prepared the lounge and made preparations for the Candlewalk early the following week

As a "warming station", welcomed the community into Trinity during the Candlewalk on

Thursday and Friday evenings, December 2nd and 3rd

Cleaned up from the Candlewalk activities on Saturday the 4th

Gathered gifts for our "Angel Tree"

Delivered the Angel Tree gifts to Christ Enrichment Center

Made final sanctuary preparations for the Christmas Eve Service on the Sunday before Christmas

Distributed various gifts and funds from our Outreach to those in need (Outreach Committee)

All culminating with a wonderful Christmas Eve service filled with joyous singing and a wonderful Christmas message from Reverend Lori

I'm sure I have forgotten a number of things and many of you should be singled out for going above and beyond, but I would surely slight someone and I do not want to do that. For a small congregation, this was certainly no small task; you all are to be commended for your dedication and hard work.

Moving forward, please mark your calendars for our annual meeting following our service on January 16th. As in the past, we will be reporting 2010 activities and electing new members to our vestry and delegates to convention. We are still in need of individuals to step forward as vestry candidates. If you have any interest or questions in giving of your time and talents to this important leadership role, please let Reverend Lori or myself know. Though it does take some time and energy, this can be a very rewarding ministry and allows one the opportunity to provide guidance and input as we move forward together as a faith community.

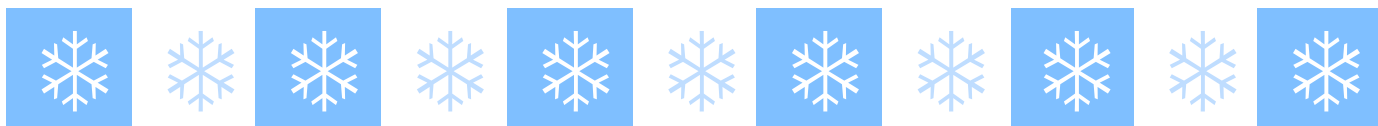
As mentioned previously, please consider wearing your nametags during our services and events. We have a number of newcomers and it allows them a better opportunity to learn and place names with faces. This is one more way to be a warm and inviting place for all. If you do not have or may have lost your nametag, please let us know so we can be sure to have one made for you.

In closing, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you for a wonderful 2010. 2011 will be another busy year and if we let the Spirit guide us, I am certain 2011 will be a wonderful year as well.

"We are CALLED, in fellowship, TO LOVE AND SERVE God by reaching out and sharing the good news!"

Wishing all a safe, happy, and joyful New Year;

Norb



Dear Trinity Family,

The following is a thank you from Beads for Life to you. Please know that your generosity made this possible.



Warm Greetings from BeadforLife!

Thank you for opening your heart for BeadforLife. We received your BeadParty Return along with \$1,895.00 USD in funds raised as of 12/20/2010.

Your return is now complete, and the funds you raised make such a big difference in the lives of our beaders! Since founding BeadforLife we have worked with over 1,200 women involved in making BeadforLife products. The average family size is about 10 people, which means 12,000 people (and more) have directly benefited from the opportunity to earn a living. Your willingness to educate yourselves and others regarding global poverty and our work in Uganda is most appreciated.

Thanks to you and other hosts around the country, we are making great progress in our efforts to eradicate poverty. If you read THE BEAD Newsletter, you will know we are making great strides in expanding the services to our beaders and their communities. Please re-visit the website for more news and features at www.beadforlife.org. And don't forget to connect with us on Facebook at www.tinyurl.com/beadforlife to share your BeadParty pictures, stories and helpful hints for new hosts!

We hope you know how much we appreciate you and how your efforts over the past months have helped. Thank you and "Appoiyo"

Ministry	JAN. 2	JAN. 9	JAN. 16	JAN. 23	JAN. 30
Acolyte	Tori Lockhart	Austin Boulter	Claire Jess	Tori Lockhart	Claire Jess
Lector/ Chalice	Ed Henneke	Larry Elder	Ed Henneke	Shirley St. John	Larry Elder
Greeters	Lynnette Pepler	Mary Dietrich	Cary Rouse	Elaine Martin	Lynnette Pepler
Ushers	Don Erickson John Rowe	Kathy Boulter Elaine Martin	Rebecca Jess Jane Rousseau	Dennis & Nancy Pickard	Rebecca Jess
Kids Word	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour	Anne James Eileen Nagy	Jim & Mary Dietrich	Sue Porn Dorothy West	Sharon Krueger	Larry & Pam elder
Eucharistic Visitor	Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Lori Johnson

VESTRY MEETING

December 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with prayerful concerns and celebrations by Rev Lori Johnson. Absent: Mary Dietrich. Guests: Dave Krueger and Linda Niedecken. Sandra Evans, Trinity's new bookkeeper, was introduced to the Vestry.

Seven Good Things: Volunteers who decorated the church for a successful Candle Walk, Beads for Life sales totaled \$1,875.00, Jane's cookies, wreath sales, giving tree, new bookkeeper and successful surgeries.

New Business: Sandra Evans presented the 2009 Audit of Trinity Church. The audit included all operational, trust, endowment and discretionary accounts of the Parish. This report was discussed with the Vestry. The financial statements were audited using the reports furnished by the Parish. Sandra will meet with Rev Lori and John Rowe to discuss simplifying the system.

The 2011 proposed budget was presented for review. It was noted that the Rectory is in need of a new roof. Jim Dietrich will get quotes. Payment for this will come from a CD in the Building Reserve Account.

Stewardship for 2011 was discussed, A letter will be sent out by Rev Lori early January informing members as to "where we stand financially" for the upcoming year.

Bishop Ousley will be visiting Trinity in 2011. Dates requested were October 2nd, 16th, or 30th.

Annual meeting is January 16th. Reports are due by January 4th. There are three openings on the Vestry. Outgoing are Ann James, Sharon Krueger and Denny Pickard.

Continuing Business: Wreath sales netted approximately \$3,800.00. Upcoming church events will appear in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

Draft #3 of the Vision Statement was reviewed and will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Convocation met at Trinity and is in the process of revamping their works. They are reviewing grants and council expenses. Dryden and Otter Lake have been added to the Convocation.

Reports: Treasurer's report shows the actual minus for November was \$207.00. YTD shows a loss of \$9,993.00. November offerings were under budget. Motion was made by Ann James, seconded by Jane Rousseau to accept the Treasurer's report. Unanimous.

Minutes of November 9, 2010 were approved as written.

The Vestry was reminded to submit a small quote to go along with their picture on the website. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Henneke, Clerk



BIRTHDAYS

Norb Birchmeier	Jan 4
Dave Krueger	Jan 6
Dorothy West	Jan 14
Debbie Josling	Jan 17
Jane Rousseau	Jan 19
Lisa Josling	Jan 20
Ann James	Jan 25

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Pam Elder	Jan 20
Ed & Donna Henneke	Jan 24



*God bless you on
your special day*

Day	Date (s)	Time	Event & Location
Weds.	Nov. 3,10,17 (None on Nov. 24th)	7:00pm	Lectionary Bible Study
Thurs.	Nov. 11 (None on Nov. 25) 2nd & 4th Thurs.	6:30pm	Hooks & Needles Come Knit & Crochet, beginners welcome. Participate in Chemo Cap Ministry
Thurs.	Nov. 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast At Liberty Family Restaurant, Pierson Rd
Thurs.	Nov. 4	6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner at Trintiy
Sat.	Nov. 6	2:00pm to 8:00pm	Prayer Vigil for U.S. Military Personnel at St. Dunstan's, Davison
Sun.	Nov. 7	10:00am	All Saints Sunday Turn clocks back
Sun.	Nov. 7	4:00pm	Celebration of New Ministry Of the Rev. Marlene Clark at St. Matthew's, Saginaw
Sun.	Nov. 9	6:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Tues.	Nov. 16	4-8:30pm	Beads for Life Party Drop in and bring a friend
Thurs.	Nov. 18	7:00pm	Euchre: Beginners Welcome

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