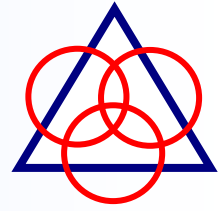


THE TRINITY TRUMPET



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A New Vision The Same Heart

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What or Who Inspires You?

Another month and I'm looking for inspiration for a newsletter article again. What will you find interesting or helpful? What do you want to know more about? What connects to the Church Year or to things we are experiencing in our life and ministry as a parish? Sometimes I have writers' block, other times I have many ideas and have to pick one, but when looking for the idea I ultimately write about, the word that comes to mind is... inspiration. When I think of the word inspiration, particularly for writing an article, I tend to think of it the way we probably hear it used most: in terms of something that motivates us, sparks our imaginations & creativity, something that spurs us on or draws something out of us. That's what I'm looking for... that spark of an idea that captures my imagination and enthusiasm and just seems to fit... kind of an "ah ha" moment.

There are other definitions for "inspire." One definition is what I pray for when preparing sermons. It is to be moved, influenced, or guided by the divine. I ask God to help me figure out which reading to preach on and what direction to go with it. I figure it's a good place to start. Another more specific but more archaic definition of "inspire" has to do with breath. It is the act of breathing. Actually, it is only the inhale portion of the act of breathing. It means to breathe or blow into, or to infuse (breath or life) by breathing.

What do all these definitions of inspire mean for us? I think just like I find myself looking for inspiration when I write, we also need to look for encouragement and inspiration in our faith lives and the ministries we engage as we live out our faith. Like any journey faith journeys can have ups, downs, and plateaus so it's good to know where to turn for a little inspiration.

Something I found inspiring for my own faith life and ministry recently was a story from the Episcopal News Service about the ministry of two teenagers in Salt Lake City, Utah: Ashton Palmer and Andrew Hagedorn, High School Seniors. In 9th grade their youth group wanted to focus on "real life" discussions so they brought in newspaper articles.

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SENIOR WARDEN NOTES

Trinity held its annual meeting on January 16th to review 2010 and elect new vestry members and convention delegates. For those of you that attended, my sincere thanks. For those who were not able to attend, we missed you and wish you could have been with us to share fellowship and lunch while we conducted the business of Trinity. A huge thank you to those that provided the wonderful lunch and treats.

I would also like to thank the following individuals for their willingness to serve either as a vestry member or convention delegate.

Elected to a 3-year vestry term were:

- Ann James (second term)
 - ✦ Claire Jess (I believe our youngest vestry member to date, congratulations Claire)
- Rebecca Jess

Elected as Convention Delegates were:

- Sharon and Dave Krueger
 - Lynnette Pepler
 - Donna Henneke
 - Mary Dietrich (Alternate)
 - John and June Rowe (Alternate)
- Shirley St. John (Alternate)

Following the annual meeting, the vestry met to elect its 2011 officers, they are:

- Norb Birchmeier Senior Warden
 - Jim Dietrich Junior Warden
 - John Rowe Treasurer
- Rebecca Jess Clerk

The meeting included the usual verbal reports of our 2010 activities. Copies of the written reports are available in the lounge for those that were unable to attend.

The meeting also introduced our Vision Statement which is:

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Finalized and approved by the Vestry in December, this Vision Statement is the result of the work of a small group of individuals appointed by the vestry. The final document includes input provided by the membership and follows a number of "drafts" presented to the Vestry throughout the year. This "Vision" along with our "Mission" will serve as roadmaps in determining future goals and objectives for Trinity.

Now that the annual meeting has concluded and new leadership is established, the work of the 2011 Vestry and Trinity leadership begins in earnest. Our first order of business is our "Orientation and Planning" meeting that will take place the first weekend in February. This will begin our process of mapping out the business and goals for 2011 and we will do our best to keep everyone informed throughout the year. (continued page 4)

A big Thank You to Trinity from me and my family for allowing us to use the lounge and Salay Room for our Christmas party on December 19th. As you can see, there are a lot of us, and it can be tough to find a venue large enough to hold us all, especially one that is wheelchair accessible.

The group photo shows about ¾ of our family, spanning an 80-year age range: my parents, my sisters and their husbands, most of their children, and most of their grandchildren. It doesn't seem like a terribly large group to me (originally, I had 8 sets of aunts and uncles, and 42 first cousins), but it has been said that we are not so much a "family" as a "tribe"! (For the record, there are another 9 people who could not be present.) The oldest, my Dad, is 85, and the youngest, my great-niece Maya (front row, red dress), is 5.

In the photo with Thomas, my Dad is wearing two comfort covers. He is always cold, and when he arrived his own blanket was wet with snow, so we borrowed a couple. He was very pleased with how bright and warm they were.

We are a very close-knit family, and it means a lot to us to have these events where we can all be together to celebrate important occasions. As the venue we used the last couple years was not available, we are especially grateful that Trinity came through for us. Everyone exclaimed over the beauty of our church, and several took a quiet moment to visit the sanctuary. Claire and I even led a few tours of the entire building, although we confined our party to the two ground floor rooms. I really enjoyed being able to show off Trinity.

Thank you again, from all of us: Burleys, Rouses, Tafoyas and Jesses!



(senior warden notes continued)

The vestry welcomes your input and please do not hesitate to speak with any of the vestry or Reverend Lori should you have a concern or question. Please see the back of this publication for a complete listing and contact information of your Trinity leadership.

Please keep vestry in your prayers and ask the Spirit to guide us to make the proper decisions as we move forward together as a faith community.

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

Yours in Christ,
Norb Birchmeier, Senior Warden



Many Thank yous
From the bottom of
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To Norb Birchmier and Frank Jessup for keeping us shoveled and free of snow.

To Rodney and Kathy Rajala for the donation of a fireproof filing cabinet.

To the Hospitality Committee for the lovely lunch at our Annual Meeting.

One article reported a homeless man froze to death in his car. They said they should probably do something about it. They began volunteering at a shelter and before long decided to raise \$200,000 for the area's homeless. Four years later, not only have they raised awareness about homelessness, they've raised \$300,000 in cash and "in-kind" donations, such as 2 homes used for teens leaving the foster-care system, comes to about one million dollars. Let me repeat... in 4 years two teenagers have been leaders who encouraged and inspired others to help them raise over \$1 million for the homeless. Wow!

What inspired me was more than their age, the amount raised, and seeing God at work through these two and their community. It was seeing how they were inspired to become involved, and how their concern and enthusiasm inspired others to become involved too.

While pondering inspiration, synonyms I ran across for inspire are: exhilarate, invigorate, galvanize, influence, motivate, reassure, hearten and embolden. So consider this: what things exhilarate, invigorate, galvanize, influence, motivate, reassure, hearten and embolden your faith life or your ministry(ies)? Is it a favorite writer or book? A particular verse of scripture or book of the Bible? A favorite prayer, way of praying, a hymn, a poem, a quote? A mentor, friend, family member? A special location or activity? Hearing about other people's ministries and faith lives? Or is it something I haven't mentioned?

What inspires us to keep growing in our faith, to keep listening for God's call and doing our best to follow will be different for each person and different things may inspire us more at different times in our lives. I think the key is to keep in mind the different definitions of "inspire" and to keep asking ourselves: What motivates us, spurs us on, draws something out of us? Are we turning to God and asking for divine guidance? And what is it that infuses new life in us like a breath of wind?

Praying we may all be continually inspired,

Lori+

Day	Date (s)	Time	Event & Location
Weds.	Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	7:00pm	Lectionary Bible Study Group
Thurs.	Feb. 3	8:00am	Men's Breakfast at Liberty Family Restaurant, Pierson Rd.
Tues.	Feb. 8	6:30pm	Vestry Meeting
Thurs	Feb. 10, 24	6:30pm	Hooks & Needles Come Knit & Crochet, beginners welcome. Participate in Chemo Cap Ministry
Thurs.	Feb. 17	7:00pm	Euchre; Beginners Welcome
Thurs.	Feb. 17	2:30pm	Hooks & Needles Come Knit & Crochet, beginners welcome
Fri. & Sat.	Mar. 11 & 12		Eucharistic Minister/Visitor Training at Grace Church, Lapeer

VESTRY MEETING January 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Rev Lori Johnson sharing concerns and celebrations with prayer at 6:40 p.m. Absent: Michael Busch. Guests: Linda Niedecken and Dave Krueger.

Seven Good Things:

New people visiting on Sunday, great holiday service, Jim Dietrich updating the website, excellent newsletter, chalk blessing, Christmas music, and thank you from Beads for Life.

New Business:

The proposed 2011 budget was reviewed. This will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Vestry Orientation/Retreat to be held on February 4th and 5th. Included will be a session with the Finance Committee.

Continuing Business:

The final draft of the vision statement was approved as written. A 2011 Stewardship letter and pledge cards will be sent to parishioners after the Annual Meeting. Stewardship Sunday is January 30th.

Bids for replacing the roof on the rectory ranged from \$4,890.00 - \$5,786.00 depending on the extent of the prep and type of shingles. Jim Dietrich will acquire one more bid and present it at the next Vestry meeting.

Winter meetings of the Convocation will be held at St Christopher's. Dryden and Otter Lake churches have been added to the Convocation. Lay and Worship Leadership training will be available through the Diocese. Convocation money goes to Camp Chick, outreach, food, etc.

Reports:

Treasurer's report showed that offerings were down in December by \$1,255.00. YTD is minus \$13,627.00.

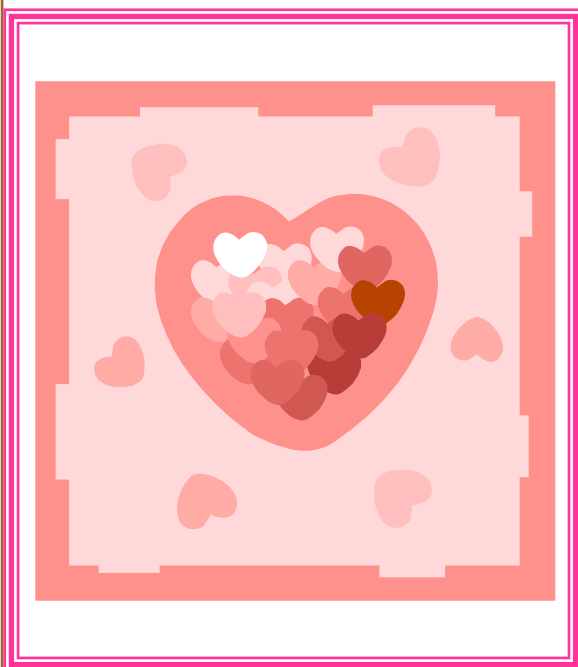
The December 14th minutes were approved as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Henneke, Clerk

Bragging in Order

Eileen Nagy's grandson, John Potter has made the Academic All-MAC Team. He is majoring in Business with a GPA 3.97 and boasts the highest GPA on Western Michigan's football team. John earned his first all conference honor in 2010, garnering Third Team All-MAC leading the MAC with 50 PTs on 50 attempts. Potter set WMU records for consecutive PATs made in a season and has a current streak of 72, also a program record. Of Potters 72 kick offs he registered a career high 20 touch backs and finished the year 10 of 12 field goals (maybe Uof M should call him). He is also the program's record holder for tackles by a kicker with 28 after making a career best 12 stops in 2010. Congratulations John!



BIRTHDAYS

Frank Jessop Feb 5
 Kathy Boulter Feb 12
 Austin Boulter Feb 13
 June Rowe Feb 13
 Ralph Niedecken Feb 14
 Trudy Mosey Feb 15
 Tori Lockhart Feb 23
 Betsy Eller Feb 27

ANNIVERSARIES

There are no anniversaries this month.



God bless you on your special day

SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2011

Ministry	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Acolyte	Austin Boulter	Tori Lockhart	Claire Jess	Austin Boulter
Lector/Chalice	Ed Henneke	Larry Elder	Shirley St.	Larry Elder
Greeters	Kathy Boulter	Lynnette Pepler	Rebecca Jess	Kathy Boulter
Ushers	Elaine Martin Jane Rousseau	Dennis and Nancy Pickard	Don Erickson John Rowe	Kathy Boulter Elaine Martin
Kids Word	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Hour	Donna Jessop Shirley St. John	Ann James Eileen Nagy	Betsy Eller June Rowe	Ralph & Linda Niedecken
Eucharistic Visitor	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Lori Johnson	Ed Henneke or Lori Johnson	Lori Johnson



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