Trinity Episcopal Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday
9:00am to 1:00pm

Schedule

9:30 am Sunday Service (also Virtual)

Staff

MUSIC DIRECTOR	Randy Turpin
ADMINISTRATOR	Paula Malott
BOOKKEEPER	Diane Vezmar
SEXTON	Pat Chadwick
NURSERY	Kessy Cook

The Vestry

Karla Love, *SR WARDEN*	Jan 2025
Cherie Riser, *JR WARDEN*	Jan 2027
Wendy Myers	Jan 2027
Julie Kaminski	Jan 2025
Patty West	Jan 2026
Anne Bohl	Jan 2026

Send electronic submissions for the next issue to
trinityofmarshall@gmail.com
DEADLINE 20th OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH

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Office Notes

The Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday morning of the preceding week. Paper submissions for the Bulletin or the Good News newsletter can be placed in the designated boxes in the Office.Electronic submissions can be sent to the church email address, which is:

trinityofmarshall@gmail.com

Please note, we renew the Prayer List every month.

Please call the office if you would like a Pastoral visit from Deacon Wendy or the Pastoral Care Team.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AFTER OFFICE HOURS, CONTACT:

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Cherie Riser, Junior Warden	(269) 274-2185

Warden's Notes

The Trinity Vestry and the Search for a Priest Interview Committee met on Monday, evening September 23rd to take a mental inventory of what Trinity Episcopal Church means to us as parishioners and what the church means to the greater Marshall Community. Fr. David led us in this exercise as we re-evaluated our mission and purpose for existing and worshiping. Below are the questions posed to us and responses received. Do any of the following comments resonate with you? If so please share your thoughts with a member of the Vestry: Karla Love, Cherie Riser, Wendy Myers, Anne Bohl, Julie Kaminski, and Patty West. Our Interview committee is Ivan Egnatuk, Randy Riser, and Wendy Myers. Our next session on mission work is Monday, October 21st.

Fr David shares with us, "The Mission Statement should articulate that which forms and frames Trinity. It is probable that there is already an unwritten, yet actually lived version, if you will."

What are Trinity's charisms (gifts) for ministry?

- Willing people whose heart are focused on loving/helping others
- Financial security
- A congregation that adapts as called
- Dedication and sense of responsibility
- Accepting of all people
- Non-judgmental
- Mission outreach
- Lay ministry
- Feeding people (hospitality)
- Worship
- Networking
- Ability to pray for support, guidance & knowledge in undertaking ministries & endeavors
- Rich worship
- Lively fellowship
- Welcoming environment
- Willing to listen to the voice of God and be guided by the Spirit

Why should Trinity exist in Marshall?

- To spread Christ's message
- To serve and meet spiritual and corporeal needs in Trinity and Marshall in Jesus' name
- To provide a place (home) for worship where people feel they belong

- People have a home where they feel loved and accepted
- Historical presence
- Physical presence in Marshall for worship and outreach for the community
- One of the only churches in Marshall (openly) accepting of LGBTQ, marginalized and dis-affiliated Christians
- Traditional
- Offers a unique form of worship
- Feeding people through MACS and Community Dinners
- Continuing to extend care and compassion to city and beyond

If you were to ask the people of Marshall, what would they say about or how would they describe Trinity?

- We have a beautiful historic building and history in Marshall; 4 people said this
- Friendly and welcoming (Mentioned several times)
- We attend to the needs in the community
- We don't know much about Trinity; 2 people said this
- A caring church
- Questions such as: Where is it? Are you catholic? Is that where AA meets?
- Monthly dinner
- Houses MACS
- Beautiful place—great for Prom and Graduation photos
- Involved in community
- Open minded
- Place to do Bible study

Our current mission "Trinity Loves and Serves God through Worship, Outreach, and Love for All."

With love and appreciation,

Karla Love

October Service Schedule

October 6 - Morning Prayer with Anne Bohl
October 13 - Morning Prayer with Deacon Wendy
October 20 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. David Ottsen
October 27 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. David Ottsen

Board of Missions News - We will be focusing on the All Access Fund in November and there will be an open plate donation to support it in December. More information to come!

Background

Marshall Community Foundation - Field of Interest Fund. The All Access Fund was established in May 2024 by Aidan McPartlin for the purpose of creating, restoring and maintaining an accessible and sensory-friendly environment for Marshall-area citizens and visitors.

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to identify a broad area of personal interest in which to support. In turn, the Foundation awards grants from the funds to area non-profit agencies and charitable programs with needs that reflect the Fund's specific parameters.

Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2024 Chapel @ 7 pm

I. Call to order at 7:10pm and opening prayer: Karla
II. Present: Karla, Patti, Wendy, Julie, Cherie, Anne Absent: None
III. Review of previous month's minutes: (vote to accept and publish) Cherie made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Patti. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Consent Agenda (accepting these ministry reports): Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Patti. Motion passed unanimously.
Fellowship - *Family night food is funded by the Dora Perrett fund. We should receive a check for $400.*
Board of Missions - *Next Share Center Dinner is August 30. Plans are underway for Mrs Claus's Purse Saturday, November 9th.*
Worship Committee *- Met on Sun, August 11. Discussed opportunities for rearranging the chancel for safety, convenience, and visibility reasons.*
Pastoral Care - *Fr. David is visiting Comfort Care one a month to bring communion and healing prayer.*
Christian Ed - *Fr. David will continue to provide a short children's sermon before the prelude.*
Trinity Historian -
Adult Bible Study – *We are halfway through the book "The Greatest Invitation" by Rev. David Ottsen.*

Staff – *Paula plans to return the third week in August and work about 8 hrs. a week from home.*

V. Buildings and Grounds – *Met on August 8. See the minutes of the meeting.*

VI. Financial Report: - Financial statements

- Review July Financial Reports
- Voted last month to raise the cap on invoices over $1000 will require Vestry approval. Formerly it was $500. Need to find it in the Green Book to update.
- Vote to approve the Annual Internal Audit to be submitted by Sept 1 to the Diocese.
    - Karla made a motion to accept the audit, seconded by Anne, motion passed unanimously.
    - Need to recruit one or two new members for this audit committee next year.

VII. Old Business:

- Our prayers…do we have answers?

  1. We pray for the wisdom and guidance to call a priest-in-charge to shepherd Trinity and St. James parishes.

  2. We pray for all families/individuals who are seeking the word of God to find Trinity's doors open and welcoming.

  3. We pray that all Trinitarians find a fulfilling church ministry to serve God and our extended community.

  4. We pray that we will be able to reach out to parishioners who are isolated, lonely, sick, or who need spiritual support where they live.
- Whittemore Foundation Digital Community Grant submitted and application deadline was extended.
- Summerfest at Brace Lake was a beautiful event. Wendy contracted with Party Time, Inc. for tables, chairs, and a tent. Have four directional signs from last year, but need to order two more. We provided lemonade, iced tea, bottled water and fried chicken. Wendy suggested we create a file for Summerfest 2024.
- Each of the vestry members will attend one of the workshops online:
    - Creation Care 101 - Karla - attended on June 12 and found it very spiritual but not informative.
    - Transitions Overview - Cherie noted some opportunities for our search.
    - Finance 101 - Patty
    - Vestry 101 - Wendy
    - Planning your Formation Yr - Julie attended - lots of free resources
    - Building Blocks of Church Communication - Anne attended and forwarded the slides to Karla. Will process the information and notes taken to others in the parish.
- Fr. Ottsen's suggestions for Trinity for discussion:

Contacted Oaklawn to see if we could do a Healing Service in their Chapel. The Hospital Administration gave us this response: *"After discussion with our senior leadership team, although we greatly appreciate the gesture and see the goodwill behind it, to be inclusive of all religions and denominations that our staff and patients may practice, we*

must reserve the chapel for personal use only. Again, we truly appreciate your offer and kindness."
Opted to not provide a 7:30 am service on Home Tour Sunday for volunteers, but do put an ad in the paper inviting folks to Trinity for our 9:30 Service.
Fr. David will provide a blessing for the New School Year, for all students, staff, and teachers on Sunday, August 18 during the service.
Fr. David would like to meet with the Vestry on Mondays, Sept 23 and Oct 21 to have us discuss our mission and vision. We should invite the Search for a Priest Interview Committee and some of our ministry leaders. Timing: 5 pm dinner, 5:15 Mission discussion, and 7 pm Vestry meeting. Deborah Otsen would help with the process - payment to her?
Fr. David would like to do a Healing Conference at Trinity in 2025 and he would like to train a Healing Team for our parishioners.
Fr. David will be here for Sun, Dec 22 staying till Wednesday, Dec 25. See celebrant dates as provided by Deacon Wendy.
The goodwill offering taken at Summerfest will continue through August and be given to the Albion Community Garden.
Plans for a "Visitor Sunday" on October 27, 2024. How to promote? What activities?

- - Bring a Real Friend
    - Gift bags in book holders in pews
    - Costumes
    - Ciders and donuts
    - Face painting
    - Inflatables
    - Ask Tasha to see if she can help lead
- Tabling these ideas for the next meeting: Facebook Protocol, Website/Communication, record Brooks Grantier giving a historical church tour, Get a quote from Bluefish

VIII. New Business:

- Dates for 2025 for the Ottsens:
  Arriving Saturday, January 11 and leaving Tuesday, January 21 (10 days with 2 Sunday Services)
  Arriving Saturday, February 8 and leaving Tuesday, February 18 (10 days with 2 Sunday Services)
  Arriving Saturday, March 1 and leaving Sunday, March 9 (8 days with 2 Sunday Services)
  No dates in April - due to trip to China
  Arriving Saturday, May 10 and leaving Sunday, May 18 (8 days and 2 Sunday Services)

This takes us up to June 1, when Fr. David began serving on a Letter of Agreement with Trinity.
This is subject to change if needed.

- Discussion on creating two additional inlet pews, removing all but a few dividers - provide a brief paragraph for the newsletter, followed by an announcement to the congregation at a later date shortly before the changes are to take place.
    - Provides more space for weddings, funerals, DAVE
    - (Does this solve any problems?)
    - Benefit - brings the congregation closer together, rather than being so far back away from the altar.
- Home Tour Saturday will include having the church open from 10 am to 5 pm for tours of the church. Box lunch sales will be from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be a quartet playing in the church yard around noon. Brooks Grantier will lead a Stained Glass Window tour from 9 to 10 pm, with the nave lights on to shine out. ($10 per box - sell approx. 75 lunches)
- Betty Wilson's funeral will be Tuesday, August 27.
- Opening and closing Vestry Meeting Prayers List for 2024/25: Sept - Julie, Oct - Anne, Nov - Wendy, Dec - Cherie; 2025: Jan - Patty
- Next meeting is September 23 at 7pm. Dinner and Mission Statement work at 5 pm.

IX. Adjournment at 8:55 pm and Closing Prayer - Karla



Please include in your prayers those who have asked us for prayer for the month

Chuck	**Neil**	**Ellen**	**Roger**	**Frank**
Pat	**Julie**	**Margaret**	**Ginny**	**Allison**
Mary	**Phina**	**Jackie**	**Deb**	**Jan**
Joe	**Abbie**	**Carolyn**	**Hugh**	**Jim**
Suzanne	**Cynita**	**Eleanor**	**Joan**	**Julie**

Let us pray for God's peace in Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine, and for all the people affected by violence and natural disasters around our world.

Please call the office to let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from our MONTHLY PRAYER list. Thank you!

Next Community Dinner is October 8th



Join us Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30 to 6 pm for the Trinity Free Community Dinner in the parish hall. The menu will be a variety of soups and salads with bread and desserts. Your help in providing some salads and desserts and helping to serve and clean up is appreciated. Sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

STUFF THE BUS FOR MACS



will be held Saturday. October 12 at Family Fare in Marshall. The Annual event sponsored by the Lions Club of Marshall is from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The food collected is needed to fill the pantry shelves, as well as help fill the Christmas food boxes.

Food items needed are: jelly and/or jam, peanut butter, "helper meals", cereal, Ramen noodles, Jello, juice, fruit, boxed or packaged potato and rice side dishes, canned pasta/spaghetti or ravioli, diced tomatoes, microwave popcorn, crackers and snack items for lunches. All nonperishable items are greatly appreciated, as well as your continued support. Thank you!!

Book Study & Prayer Group



The Trinity Bible Study and Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays led by Fr. David Ottsen at 10:00 am in the chapel. Dates in October include the 22nd and 29th. All are welcome - come and see.

Updating the Trinity Prayer List



If you wish to have loved ones or friends added to the daily and Sunday Morning prayer list, send the names and your name to office@trinityofmarshall.org or drop the names and your name in the basket outside the office. Believe in the POWER of PRAYER

Pastoral care Committee



The pastoral care committee is running and active! We are here for you! Please reach out to Mike Renaud (269-830-2403 or pastoralcare@trinityofmarshall.org) For your pastoral care concerns. The pastoral care committee is here to provide support to you for your emotional life, spiritual life, or prayer for your physical need. Please share with us if you also know of concerns for others.

Cards would be appreciated

Margaret Nelson: Heritage Assisted Living
14420 Helmer Rd S #139
Battle Creek, MI 49015-8706

Ellen Stewart: Marshall Comfort Care
200 Westbrook ct. #328
Marshall, MI 49068

Joan Foster: Marshall Comfort Care
200 Westbrook Ct, #329
Marshall, MI 49068

Abbie Albright: Marshall Comfort Care
200 Westbrook Court #327
Marshall, MI 49068

Kathy Fryar: NorthPointe Woods Independent Living
700 North Avenue, #132
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Marshall Miracles



is the name of our local Marshall group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone is welcome in AA who finds a problem with alcohol. If you, a friend, or relative would like to join us, come to Trinity's chapel at any of our meeting times – we will be there! Marshall Miracles meets daily at noon Monday through Friday, Saturdays 9:00am and Sundays at 1:30pm.

Free Exercise Classes at Trinity

Free and Open to seniors 60 and older:

Senior Fit and Fun chair exercise on Wednesdays at 1:00pm parish hall. Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention on Thursdays at 6:00pm parish hall. Join us for fun and fellowship with these exercises anyone can do. Please call Julie 269-986-1583.

Wednesday FREE Local Food Pop-Ups



Fresh local milk, vegetables, fruit, beef, and canned goods will be given away in the parish hall on the following Wednesdays at 1:30 pm: October 2 and 16. This is a BC Sprouts sponsored event and everyone is welcome.

History Tidbits

Historic Trinity's Tid-Bit. While polishing the silver that has long been stored out of sight for Betty Anne Wilson's upcoming memorial was wondering about the origins and how often and when the sets were used. Am unable to locate information in the files. Captions included for 2 of the trays. They are BEAUTIFUL! Any assistance would be great.

Edit: a few comments came in since published on FB:

John Twist: Isabel Minne was Craig Brooks' wife, my aunt. Craig (Bud) was head of the vestry for years. But, her maiden name was Helen Isabel Minne, no middle name "D". There is a building on the north side of main street with that family name – Isabel's father, I believe.

Jim Needham: I remember Mrs Brooks, wife of Craig Bud Brooks. The tea set was used often. I remember the Udell sisters being in charge. It was also used by Abby Albright to teach the 8th grade girls about high tea.

Mary Lincoln: So so beautiful! What to do with them…..is there a tarnish proof way to display them? I think monetary value is that gained by melting them down and that both sounds awful and probably yields little anyway. Isabel Brooks was a dear friend of our family. Potential for "the story behind the silver"? I don't think as kids we knew anything about the gift.

Am guessing she died after 1967, year I graduated from college as last of the three of us to become only visitors to Trinity





In Loving Memory of Isabel D Minne, October 1, 1955.



To the Glory of Almighty God. In loving memory of Isabel M Brooks.





A few days late but we got the job DONE! "No stone left behind" as we dug, carried and hauled Trinity's original sandstone pieces removed from the 1967 edition approx. 30+ years ago back to Trinity. Many, many thanks to Ivan Egnatuk for gathering abled bodies; Wendy Myers and her trusty steed Cinnamon; Sally, Steve, BJ Kunkel (and son), Karla Love and Neil & Becky.









SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - Collection at Convention
AUSABLE HYGIENE CLOSET seeks items for those in need

The AuSable Inclusion Center is a new Episcopal Community and faith-based community resource center up north committed to providing holistic support to folks marginalized by their gender, sexuality, and/or socioeconomic status. As part of that mission, the Center seeks your support to stock a hygiene closet for its guests and neighbors. Deacon Beck, the Center's Ministry Developer, will be collecting your donations at the AuSable Inclusion Center exhibit table at our Primary Convention. Please give generously to support this important outreach ministry. Not sure what to bring? Here's a helpful list!

- Soaps: liquid hand soap, neutral bar soap, feminine bar soap and masculine bar soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner: in neutral, feminine, masculine, kid and baby varieties
- Liquid Body Wash and Body Lotion: in neutral, feminine, masculine, kid and baby varieties
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, MouthWash and Floss: in adult and kid varieties
- Deodorant: in neutral, feminine and masculine varieties
- Razors and Razor Blade Cartridges, Shaving Creams and Gels
- Panty Liners
- Tampons (light, regular and super), Maxi Pads (light, regular, super and overnight)
- Adult Disposable Underwear (in all sizes)
- Diapers and Pull Ups (in all sizes)
- Baby Wipes
- Condoms and Dental Dams (all kinds)
- Face Washes and Moisturizers (for dry, oily and combination skin)
- Sunscreen
- Hair combs and brushes
- Nail Clippers (adult and baby)
- Free and Clear Laundry Detergent
- Free and Clear Dryer Sheets

The Collection Box will be in Trinity's Office. The items will be taken to the Convention on October 18.



Mrs. Claus' Purse

Arts & Crafts Show

Sat, Nov 9th 9 to 3

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Items include: original art in various mediums, cards, gift tags, Christmas ornaments, decoupage/painted plaques, ceramics, catnip toys, cat beds, scrubbies, floral crafts, doilies, crocheted baby items, fleece caps, gnomes, soy candles, resin projects, St James Cheese Balls, bakery items, and more. This event is the same day as Santa's Bag at MHS and is sponsored by the Trinity Board of Missions. Proceeds to benefit local, national and international charities.

Homemade breakfast and luncheon items will be sold from our kitchen.

Call 269-589-5119 for further information