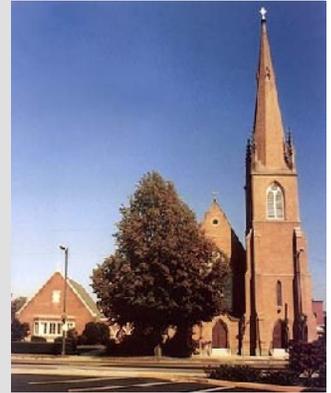


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Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Message

LATE PENTECOST

Dear People of God:

The restaurant Chipotle pulled “pulled pork” off its menu. Chipotle stopped serving pork at a third of its restaurants because one of its suppliers violated animal-welfare standards. Chipotle promises that it serves “food with integrity” and this means that if a supplier does not treat its pigs according to Chipotle’s ethical standards, then the restaurant will not use its pork. In the highly competitive fast-food business, you have to respect a company that will not compromise its standards to make a buck. But the company has grown because customers really do prefer food with integrity. What’s true for Chipotle is true for the church.

“There is one body and one Spirit,” writes the apostle Paul to the Christians in Ephesus, “just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” Notice the word “one” repeated: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. At the heart of integrity is oneness-it means that you are whole, complete and undivided, with one set of values. A church with integrity is not going to show love in one situation and hatred in another. People really do prefer to worship and eat in places that have integrity.

Of course, churchgoers also want good music, preaching, Bible study and small groups. The message “church with integrity” on a website is not going to cause people to rush through the doors. Integrity requires deeds, not words. Steve Eells, the CEO of Chipotle, knows this. He knows customers care about taste, value and convenience. But once they enjoy a Chipotle burrito, customers are interested in why the food tastes the way it does. Chipotle focuses on fresh ingredients. At Chipotle, they are actually cooking fresh onions, peppers and meat that is not tenderized or treated in any way. Integrity requires actually cooking with fresh vegetables and meats. A motto like “food with integrity” is just not enough. Same for the church.

A church with integrity has leaders who are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Paul speaks of Christ giving gifts to individuals so that they can perform all of these functions. But leaders are to exercise their gifts with humility and gentleness, in order to “equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”. Next comes patience. The entire fast-food industry is grounded in our desire to have hot food delivered to us immediately. We want what we want and we want it now. But God’s work in the church takes time and it requires patience. Paul tells the Ephesians that they are coming “to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of god, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ”. Unity. Knowledge. Maturity. All of these qualities take time.

Finally, we are to bear “with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. Whatever the issue, there are going to be people of good faith on both sides of contentious issues. Paul instructs us not to attack each other, not to undermine each other, not to try to gain victory over each other, but to bear with one another in love. A church with integrity does this because there’s nothing more important than being the undivided body of Christ in the world. People are drawn to a church that makes every effort “to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”.

Of course, important issues cannot be ignored, so Paul recommends the practice of “speaking the truth in love”. This means that we speak the truth that has been revealed to us by God, but we do it in love, without belittling or beating up the people who disagrees with us. For Chipotle and other “mission-minded” companies, success comes from staying focused on core values, no matter what challenges arise. The same is true for a church that remains committed to humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and speaking the truth in love. That’s a church that can maintain unity of the Spirit and oneness in Christ: a church with integrity.

Yours in Christ,
Father Bill+

Transition Team

The Transition Team has worked throughout the summer. After we met with Judy Fried from the Diocesan office, we needed to decide what information would be necessary as we looked at the future of Trinity. There are many “nuts and bolts” forms to be filled out with data that relates to the business aspects of the church. Those will take time but our greater challenge has been to be able to define who we are as a church and what we want to look like in the future. This will also include defining qualities and talents desired of our rector. We have gone through a number of exercises that had us looking at work that was done at the leadership retreat in the spring, defining those outcomes the best we could and then prioritizing each as to their importance to the life and people of Trinity Church. This process is on-going but some priorities that have indeed been defined include: seeing our building as a downtown resource, expansion of the Thrift Shop, a Food Kitchen/Pantry housed at Trinity, partnering in mission with like-minded churches recognizing we cannot always do what we want because of people resources, and promoting the utilization of the Parish Hall and kitchen for commercial use. The Wardens, Sue and Judy, have also written and sent a letter to area Episcopal and Lutheran churches announcing our period of transition as Father Bill retires in June 2016. The letter also included an invitation to speak with the leadership of these churches about partnerships, mission and shared resources. A number of conversations have taken place already as the result of this letter with the expectation of more taking place this fall.

Our work has just begun. If you feel you would like to be a part of this initiative, please know you are welcome! If you have questions, any team member would be happy to respond. Members include: Shelly Bacmanski, Jeanne and Joe Battisti, Judi Brayer, Jackie Draht, Sue Draht, Nancy Isaacs, Georgia Jordan, Lisa Kelly, Susan Nagle, Tom Padgett, Doris Riggs, Judy Sheasley and Carol Van Deusen.

Submitted by Lisa Kelly

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Emails

If Trinity Church missed your birthday or anniversary so far this year, please call the Parish Office and let Kelly know. We have diligently been attempting to update our records and we really do not wish to miss anyone’s celebration.

Also, if you have a personal email that you do check regularly and have not given us this information, please consider to do so. We are trying to trim our budget wherever possible and the cost of postage is one area that we can do this. The Parish Office, when using a mass emailing, (the monthly newsletter is but one example), places everyone’s email addresses under the “bcc” so no one has access to other individual’s email addresses.

Thank you very much.

**Transition Team
Report**

**Request from the
Parish Office**

Financial Report
for 2015

	June Actual	June Budget	Difference	July Actual	July Budget	Difference
INCOME						
Pledges	\$3,970.00	\$4,720.83	\$ (750.83)	\$2,545.00	\$4,720.83	\$(2,175.83)
Plate Offerings	26.00	91.67	(65.67)	50.00	91.67	(41.67)
Regular Non-Pledge	140.00	-	140.00	215.00	-	215.00
Facility Use Income	3,042.25	2,670.58	371.67	2,212.25	2,670.58	(458.33)
Pastoral Sub ELCA	3,907.13	3,907.13	-	3,907.13	3,907.13	-
Thrift Shop Operations	1,181.54	300.00	881.54	513.06	300.00	213.06
Labyrinth	60.58	-	60.58	-	-	-
Gifts Received	1,014.20	-	1,014.20	-	-	-
Altar Flowers	(195.00)	-	(195.00)	(160.00)	-	(160.00)
Interest	0.47	2.92	(2.45)	0.33	2.92	(2.59)
Rector's Discretionary Fund	40.00	-	40.00	50.00	-	50.00
Capital Campaign	5,263.59	-	5,263.59	750.00	-	750.00
Total Income	\$18,450.76	\$11,693.13	\$6,757.63	\$10,082.77	\$11,693.13	\$(1,610.36)
EXPENSES						
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,213.89	\$ 3,801.18	\$ 2,587.29	\$ 1,030.32	\$ 2,335.82	\$ 1,305.50
Christian Ed & Spiritual Growth	334.15	212.49	(121.66)	40.17	212.49	172.32
Diocese	1,429.21	1,429.25	0.04	1,429.21	1,429.25	0.04
Governance	7,214.21	7,818.41	604.20	6,337.98	7,818.41	1,480.43
Lay Staff	2,286.88	1,982.49	(304.39)	1,815.00	1,982.49	167.49
Lay Staff Fringes	390.27	331.23	(59.04)	230.10	331.23	101.13
Miscellaneous	139.04	300.00	160.96	-	300.00	300.00
Office Expenses	496.77	639.67	142.90	276.24	541.67	265.43
Pastoral Care	-	12.50	12.50	398.00	387.50	(10.50)
Total Expenses	\$13,504.42	\$16,527.22	\$ 3,022.80	\$11,557.02	\$15,338.86	\$ 3,781.84
Pos/(Neg) results	\$4,946.34	-\$4,834.09	\$3,734.83	\$(1,474.25)	\$(3,645.73)	\$(5,392.20)

Financial Report

Please note that we continue to operate in the red. While we are "under" budget, we are drawing from our endowment at a rate that isn't sustainable.

**Fun facts about
our church's
history**



Trinity Church Rectories

Trinity's first Rectory of record was built in 1852 on the parish grounds north of the church. It was constructed three years before the cornerstone for the church was laid in 1855.

The rectory that we see in photos of the church was a stucco structure built around 1913 when the Rev. Herbert Hannah was rector. Those of us who remember this rectory might have assumed that it was the first. Recorded history tells us, however, that this is not the case. This presumably second rectory became the home of subsequent rectors, the Rev. Henry Hubbard and the Rev. David Kingman and their families.

In 1954 the church purchased 611 West Gray Street for the Kingman family. The former rectory "Trinity House" was then used for the parish office, church school and the Boy Scouts. On June 13, 1956 a fire of undetermined cause destroyed the house.

A smaller rectory at 98 Carrollton Avenue was purchased during the later years of Mr. Kingman's tenure. This was the home that the Rev. John Humphries and his family moved into in 1975. Within a few years, the Humphries moved to 405 Euclid Avenue, a home they subsequently purchased from the church.

When Fr. Humphries retired in 1997, Trinity was without a rectory. While the search for a new rector was underway, so also was a search for a new rectory, as required by the diocese. The Rev. William Lutz and his family took up residence in Trinity's sixth rectory at 1465 West Water Street in the fall of 1999.

In 2009 the Lutzes purchased a home on Scott Avenue and the West Water Street rectory was sold. This residence became the first rectory in 157 years that was not owned by the church, as is becoming the common practice.

Submitted by Judy Sheasley

Capital Campaign Update

As we have previously mentioned, the Vestry is conducting a campaign to replace our security system with a new, upgraded system that offers protection from fire, water damage and break-ins. Our current system is woefully outdated and can no longer be supported with replacement parts. In fact, it is no longer able to automatically call either the police or the fire departments!

We don't want to take this project out of our endowment, so we have reached out to our parishioners for assistance. We are almost two-thirds of the way to our goal of \$10,000 and we are very grateful for those members of the congregation that have already contributed towards this campaign. However, we still need to raise funds to finish the project. This \$10,000 will give us the best solution to serve us not only now but well into Trinity's future.

If you haven't contributed yet, please give it some thoughtful consideration, especially as you plan your tax savings opportunities before the end of 2015. Your contribution will be fully tax deductible and will help the church secure our buildings for the foreseeable future.

We thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by the Vestry

September Altar Guild Schedule

- 6: Tari Buchholz and Carol Ostrander
- 13: Jackie Draht and Esther Thomas
- 20: Judy Sheasley
- 27: Nancy Isaacs

Vestry Report

Since the Vestry Report in the July/August edition of *The Record*, the Vestry has approved the expenditure of \$1,692 for the upgrade of our fire and security system. This will allow our dialer to contact the Police and Fire Departments should either of our alarms be activated, protection that we have not had since the technological upgrade of the 911 system a couple years ago. This expenditure will be made from the monies raised for our Capital Campaign for that purpose, leaving \$4,321.59 in the fund and work totally \$8,134 remaining to be done. This means we have a shortfall of \$3,812.41.

We are pleased to announce that in July we hired our new Sexton, Tracy Long. Please be sure to meet him when you are in the building. His hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

Submitted by Judy Sheasley

Fellowship Team

As we come back from vacations, times for rest and relaxation and time with our families, the Fellowship Team has been planning activities for the fall. So it is time to mark your calendars! Mass on the Grass on Sunday, September 13th will be followed by a continental breakfast. This will enable us all to catch up on the highlights of your latest trips and the stories and tales of your grandchildren.

On Tuesday, September 29th we will have a spaghetti supper. Head chef for this event is Joe Battisti. It promises to be delicious! We hope to welcome our friends from area churches and the public in general. Dinner will be served in our Parish Hall between 5 and 7 pm and will cost \$7.00 for spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert. Plan on attending and remember to invite your friends and neighbors!

The Fall Festival Luncheon will be Tuesday, October 6th at noon. A great menu, great fellowship and a wonderful way to connect with friends you may not get to see as often as you would like.

The fellowship team is looking forward to welcoming **YOU** to all of their great events.

Submitted by Lisa Kelly

On July 19th Trinity Church welcomed Cecelia Hilgendorf into the Household of God through the Rite of Holy Baptism. Her proud parents James and Marci presented her along with her Godparents Madison Vettencourt and Alexandria Viau. A reception followed in the back of the church nave. WELCOME CECELIA!



**Next Vestry
Meeting is
September 9th**





A Labyrinth Walk for Peace

Trinity's Third Friday Walk will be held on Friday, September 18th at 7 p.m.

This will be a Walk for Peace, using "Peace Seeds", which represent the prayers for peace of the world's religions. These prayers were brought to the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA and entrusted to the care of the children at the Abbey's Life Experience School. It is the sacred mission of The Peace Abbey to share these prayers throughout the world and to celebrate their message of peace and goodwill.

The world needs all our prayers. Please join us!

Submitted by Gloria O'Sullivan and Judy Sheasley

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love...
Saint Frances of Assisi*



Trinity Church Fall Planting Day

It is time to plant Chrysanthemums to beautify our gardens for Fall and to do a little grounds-keeping! This is an ideal time to transplant perennials from your garden to our garden. Please bring a donation of mums and your favorite gardening tools on Saturday, September 12th. We will start at 8:30 a.m.

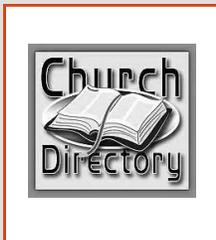
Mark your calendar now and join in the fun!

Mass on the Grass is the following day, Sunday, September 13th at 9 a.m.

Welcome to our new Sexton!

As you are aware, Trinity Church had been searching for a new sexton when Coley Perry moved to warmer climates. We welcome Mr. Tracy Long to this position. He is a retired Navy boiler technician from Queens, NY. He has lived in Elmira for the past 10 years. He coaches basketball locally and also trains local youths in the art of boxing. He is an active volunteer at the Ernie Davis Community Center. If you see him, please give him a warm welcome.

Trinity Parish Directories



If you had your portrait taken you should have already by now received your complimentary copy of the new 2015 Parish directory. If by chance you have not received it, please stop by the Parish Office during the week to pick it up.

If you were unable to have your photo taken for our directory and would like to have one, please stop by the Parish Office. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Parish Office hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Thrift Shop Report

We have had a very busy summer with our Thursday Wisner Market openings as well as our regular Saturday hours. The Thrift Shop has become a “must stop” place to visit for those attending the Thursday market. We are very grateful to those helpers who have staffed the market over the summer. Lisa Kelly, Jeanne and Joe Battisti, Carol Van Deusen, Judy Sheasley and Nancy Isaacs, among others, have been diligent in keeping us open to the public.

We did suffer some rain damage during the heavy rainstorm that we had in early July. Luckily, most of the damage was easily fixed, although we did lose some floor tiles in the kitchen room.

As always, donations are gratefully accepted. We will be transitioning out of summer clothing into fall and winter soon. We have a great deal of fall and winter clothing, but would be grateful for donations for next year’s spring and summer clothing. Housewares, linens and clothing seems to move really well for us so keep us in mind if you have items to donate. Call the office to set up a time to drop your donations off at the church or to arrange a pick up.

Submitted by Sue Draht

Mass on the Grass

Trinity’s Fall Schedule will begin on Sunday, September 13th when the 9 a.m. Parish Family Eucharist will be celebrated on the grounds adjacent to the church, weather permitting.

The Fellowship Team invites you to stay for a Continental Breakfast following the service.

Facebook Update

Did you know that each week on [Trinity’s Facebook page](#) we give a weekly quote? In case you missed it, here are a few that have been posted:

God has perfect timing: never early, never late. It takes a little patience and a great deal of faith, but it is always worth the wait.

Prayer is the key to heaven but Faith unlocks the door.

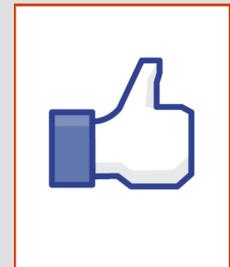
Faith is like Wi-Fi: It’s invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

Don’t judge someone because they sin differently than you.

We will also be posting upcoming events that will be happening here at Trinity. [Take a moment to like us on Facebook.](#)

Altar Flowers

Did you know that you could place flowers on our altar each week to recognize a special event (birthday, anniversary, graduation, family visiting, the birth of a child/grandchild, etc...) or the flowers could be placed in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$40.00. Please contact the Parish Office or fill out the altar flower form found in the back of the church. There are a few Sundays available in both September and October. Also, if you have placed the flowers on the altar you are more than welcome to take the flowers home with you after the service. Those flowers can then beautify your environment for the week.





Second Place East, Inc.

Second Place East, Inc. is still counting on the individual churches that are involved with its program to donate selected good in the coming months. September's designated good is a mop bucket. These goods can be of any brand name, type and size and can be purchased at any Family Dollar, General Dollar, Big Lots, Dollar Tree, or area grocery stores. Please put the designated good in the basket by the chapel door. Second Place East, Inc. thanks everyone for their help in this mission.

Letter from the Diocese on the Search for a new Bishop

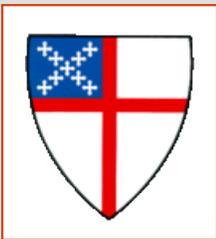
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Search Committee for the next Bishop of Central New York met July 17-18 at St. Margaret's House for a retreat with the diocesan Standing Committee and our Search Consultant, Judy Stark. We had a good meeting and we've gotten our marching orders!

Here's your Diocesan Bishop Search Committee:

The Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Chair of the Search Committee, St. Matthew's, Liverpool

- Ms. Cynthia Adamowsky, St. Matthew's Liverpool
- Ms. Kristen Blum, St. James, Skaneateles
- Dr. Bambi Carkey, St. Luke's, Camillus
- Mr. Doug Mouncey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Downtown Syracuse
- Mr. Jim Hughes, Christ Church, Manlius
- Mr. David Cordone, All Saints', Fulton
- The Rev. Wanda Copeland, St. Matthew's, Horseheads
- The Rev. Dcn. Kay Drebert, Trinity Memorial, Binghamton
- The Rev. David Hanselman, St. Ann's, Afton; St. Paul's, Oxford; Zion, Greene
- The Rev. Jeanne Hansknecht, St. Peter's, Cazenovia
- The Rev. Johanna Marcure, Grace Church, Syracuse
- The Rev. Adrian Amaya, St. Mark the Evangelist, Syracuse



Right now, we're breaking down into 5 sub-committees to get our work done.

1. **Information Gathering/Survey:** This sub-committee is already at work setting up dates and locations for conversations about who we are as a diocese and what we're looking for in a new bishop. Look for information at the end of this month for 4-5 gatherings throughout the diocese during the month of September. Also, be on the look-out in September for a survey (most likely an electronic survey) to fill out and submit.
2. **Profile Creation:** The profile creation committee is already looking at our old profile as well as profiles from other dioceses for ideas about content and format. They've begun gathering data about our region and diocese as well as photos to include. They will receive information from our Information gatherers and put together a profile that presents who our diocese is and who we're looking for in a bishop. We'll also include nomination forms in the profile. Expect to see our profile "go live" in mid-November. That's when applications will begin coming in!
3. **Interview/Screening:** These folks are hearing what's learned from the first committee, learning what the role of a bishop is, and coming up with questions and formats throughout the search process to help us get to know the candidates authentically, fairly, contextually, and as thoroughly as possible.
4. **Education Committee:** This committee is charged with helping us, as a search committee, to educate ourselves about our diocese, the wider Church and the roll of a bishop, as well as help the diocese at large understand what it is that a bishop does (and doesn't!) do.
5. **Discernment Retreat:** Once our pool of candidates is whittled down to 8-10 we'll invite them all here for a private discernment retreat with the search committee before we cull the list down to 3-5 candidates for publication. (Don't worry – you'll have your chance to meet the candidates before you have to vote!) This sub-committee is putting together the details of this three-day discernment retreat.

General timeline for the Search for the next Bishop of Central New York

- Summer-fall 2015: Information-gathering from the diocese. Preparation of diocesan profile.
- November 2015: Publication of profile; nomination period opens.
- Mid-January 2016: Nomination period closes.
- Late winter/spring 2016: Screening of candidates.
- May 2016: Slate is announced; petition period opens for additional candidates
- Late July 2016: Walkabouts so diocese can meet the candidates, candidates can meet the diocese
- August 6, 2016: Special electing convention
- December? 2016 (we'll need to wait for a date from the Presiding Bishop's office) -- consecration of the XIth bishop of Central New York!

Please do hold our diocese in prayer during this time of discernment and transition.

September Birthdays

- 2: Scott Mace & Zachary Lutz
- 3: Irene Graham
- 4: Barbara Stewart
- 6: Michael Buchholz
- 7: The Reverend Mary Francis Curns
- 8: Marci Hilgendorf
- 10: Candy Scofield & David Brockway
- 15: Rick Bacmanski
- 16: Jackie Draht & Betty Stone
- 17: William Lewis & Maureen Costello & James Baldwin
- 18: Michael Battisti
- 23: Elizabeth Sproule
- 26: Susan Collins & Katie Melanson & Alivia Vieselmeyer
- 27: Margaret Callas
- 28: Phyllis Moffat

September Anniversaries

- 1: Esther & Chester Thomas and Susan & Stephen Nagle
- 9: Barbara & David Brockway
- 10: Erica & Kyle Elston
- 25: Georgia & Thomas Rennie

THE WOUNDED HEALERS' BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, INC.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

will hold its monthly meeting on
This month's topic: "Preparing to Cope with the Holidays"
Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: St. Mary our Mother School, 811 Westlake Street, Horseheads, NY 14845

WHBSG is open to anyone who needs support, education and understanding in a time of grief after the death of a loved one. There is no charge for the monthly meetings. All are welcome.

Counseling, Training Programs and Lectures

For more information, please call 607-796-2795 or contact us at www.woundedhealers.com.



SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Transition Team 4:00 Office Open 9-2	2 CCC 9-11 2nd Place East, 11 Christ. Counsel 11-8 AA 12:15 UBC Choir 6:30 Office Open 9-2	3 Thrift Shop 10-2 Finance/Buildings and Grounds 4:30 Office Open 9-2	4 UBC Prayer Shawl Office Closed	5
6 Eucharistic Service UBC Adult Ed Coffee Hour UBC Worship Svc UBC Coffee Hour	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 Staff Meeting 9:15 Office Open 9-2	9 CCC 9-11 Christ. Counsel 11-8 AA 12:15 Canterbury Way 2 UBC Choir 6:30 Vestry 7 Office Open 9-2	10 Thrift Shop 10-2 Office Open 9-2	11 UBC Prayer Shawl Office Closed	12 Fall Planting and Clean Up Day 8:30 Thrift Shop 9-12
13 Mass of the Grass (with light brunch) UBC Adult Ed UBC Worship Svc UBC Coffee Hour	14 Staff Meeting 9:15 Office Open 9-2	15 Office Open 9-2	16 CCC 9-11 Christ. Counsel 11-8 Elmira Area Clergy 12 AA 12:15 UBC Bd Trustees 5 Aktion Club 5 UBC Choir 6:30 Office Open 9-2	17 Thrift Shop 10-2 Office Open 9-2	18 UBC Prayer Shawl Labyrinth Walk 7 Office Closed	19 Thrift Shop 9-12
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Prayer for the Search for a New Bishop of our Diocese

O God, our strength and comforter, as we seek a new Bishop, you set before this our Diocese of Central New York opportunities and challenges and you give us a variety of gifts with which to meet them. Open our eyes to see your will for the ordering of our common life as we seek a Bishop. Grant us patience and listening hearts. Fill us with your peace and lead us together as one people that we may welcome a shepherd who will love, lead and guide us toward the fulfillment of your Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven. We especially pray for the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Staff, the Search Committee and the Transition Committee as they go about their work. And we pray for Bishop Skip and Bonnie as they move into the next chapter of their lives. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, this day and every day. Amen.

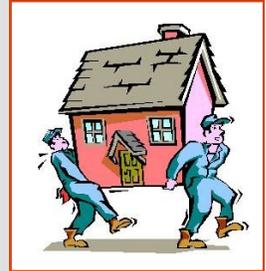
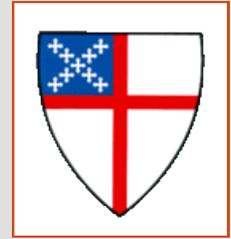
Folks on the Move

A few of our families have moved and the Parish Office would like you to have their correct addresses. Please update your directories accordingly.

James and Marci Hilgendorf
1419 West Water Street
Elmira, NY 14905

Doree Tanner
Woodbrook
Oak Lane, Apt. 316
1250 Maple Avenue
Elmira, NY 14904

Tom and Shirley Wingert
127 Rocking Chair Road
Horseheads, NY 14845



Bishop Search Survey

Dear Clergy & Members of the Diocese of Central New York:

The Bishop Search Committee needs your help!

We have created a survey to find out what our clergy and members consider the most important strengths, skills and personal attributes that our next bishop should have.

Can you take a few minutes to participate in our survey?

We would prefer you use the online version, accessed by the link below, but you can also download a pdf version of the file and send it to the address on the survey by visiting the link: bit.ly/BishopSearch_Survey

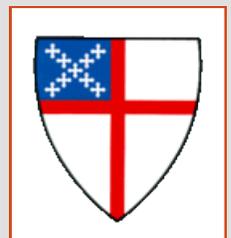
The directions for completing the survey are above the survey questions. There are only 5 questions, but they are very important pieces of information for the committee's work!

The on-line surveys need to be completed no later than Wednesday, September 22nd. Also, hard copies must be received no later than Wednesday, September 22nd.

The link to the Survey Monkey online version is: bit.ly/CNY-Survey

Please spread the word widely throughout your parishes about this survey opportunity. We would like to hear from every Episcopalian in Central New York!

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