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Rector's Message

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am so excited to be joining you in a few weeks as your new pastor (more about that later). I thought it might be helpful to tell you a bit about myself, and in doing so, open the dialogue for you to tell me about yourselves and about Trinity.

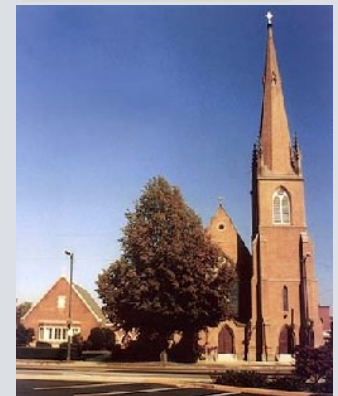
I was born and raised in east central Alabama in the 1950s and 1960s. My small town of Opelika, a twin town with Auburn (of Auburn University fame), was very racially mixed, with 60% white and 40% black residents. Despite this, I spent most of my school years in a whites-only school. My childhood was significantly shaped by racial inequities and forced racial integration. My parents operated a year-round wholesale snapdragon greenhouse business, making me an early 'flower child'. The whole family worked in the business, along with 2 - 6 black laborers. Small as it was, our snapdragons were shipped across Alabama, Georgia, and north Florida, and somewhat beyond.

My older brother was of the age to be drafted for the Vietnam War, one of the other powerful influences of my youth. He did not serve because of several medical conditions, but our family was still impacted by the breadth of the war, as I am sure many of you were also.

All-in-all, I grew up in a rather idyllic time and place. It was as if the world was going on around us, yet not invading our close circle for many of those years. My father, especially, stressed the power of getting a good education. While I was offered one, I'm afraid I did not take full advantage of it. My father was the dreamer; my mother the worker, and I think I got a bit of each of them in my personality.

Much to daddy's dismay, I did not attend Auburn, but went to a Southern Baptist "girls' school" which has now become a women's college. To the school's dismay, I did not get my "Mrs. Degree" as they were hoping all young girls would do. My horizons were broadened, however, and I began to be challenged intellectually. After college, I went to grad school for a short time and, having no idea what I wanted to do with my life, left to pursue a career in professional theatre as a 'techie'.

I spent the next eight years in the theatre world in one way or another, working in Atlanta, North Carolina, Alabama, and finally in Minnesota. It was there, in 1980, that I finally felt at home. I worked for a couple theatres in the Twin Cities, including the renowned Minneapolis Children's Theatre. But, theatre was never my first love, and other interests kept pulling me back.



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Growing up nominally Southern Baptist, religion had always had a missionary component. The idea of being a missionary, of serving only Christ, was and remains my tap root. As I encountered many people who influenced me, and knowing that all we do is ministry, the defining question was what shape would my ministry take. Church shopping during my college years had introduced me to the Episcopal Church, and it was there I felt most connected to church and the expression of my ministry. It would take several years before it became clear how I would express that ministry within the Episcopal church, and God's kingdom.

Beginning in the early 1980s, I explored ordination with my priest, but clearly I was not ready for God yet. In the meantime, I studied to be a paralegal (a real tent-making skill), and met my late husband, Tom. Tom, recently-divorced and with two almost-grown children, and I soon married and began an amazing adventure together. I worked in Minneapolis at a prestigious downtown law firm while we lived in the ex-burbs to be close to Tom's sawmill business. We landed in a different church and I began the ordination process in earnest. After a couple years, we sold the house, the car and the sawmill and moved to the Chicago area for me to attend seminary. Three years of intense living and seminary followed. Tom also changed life direction, working in the nursing home field. After seminary, we were able to return to Minnesota, where I served a small-town church, Holy Trinity, and Tom continued his career in senior services. I was there 12 years, serving the church and a nursing home as their chaplain.

During those years, I began to get more involved in environmental issues, serving the diocese and national church in several capacities. In fact, I left Holy Trinity to become more involved in creation care pursuits. However, I really missed serving the church, and returned after about 18 months to serve as associate at St. Christopher's just north of St. Paul, Minnesota.

I was blessed to be there and surrounded by this great community as we discovered that Tom had leukemia (AML). For 13 months Tom fought this challenging condition, finally losing his battle in July 2010. No one has ever fought more valiantly or with more clarity of faith, and again I was blessed with learning about how much God truly cares for us. Tom's death, and the subsequent decline and death of my mother freed me to explore where next God might be wanting me to serve.

I accepted a call to St. Matthew's, Horseheads, and moved here in August 2012. I came to this region not knowing anyone and not ever having lived here. However, I believe God opens windows and doors as we grow and allow ourselves to be used. I have enjoyed my time at St. Matthew's. I also have grown, and have learned that I could love again. Over several years, my friend Melody has been an increasing presence and support for me. Despite the distance from Minnesota, she supported my ministry here. We traveled to England and Scotland in 2014, and together affirmed that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. We were married back in Minnesota in December of 2014, and had that union blessed by Bishop Adams in January of last year.

I have wondered about the shape of my ministry here in central New York. What exactly did God want me to accomplish? I now believe I am seeing more clarity about that. I believe the chance to explore mutual ministry with St. Matthew's AND Trinity is the beginning of what God has in mind for me. I don't have a clear idea of what that looks like—but it clearly is not the image Fr. Bill had when he came to Trinity.

Financial Report for 2016

	<u>May Actual</u>	<u>May Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
INCOME			
Pledges	\$ 3,296.00	\$ 4,166.67	\$ (870.67)
Pledges from 2015	160.00	-	160.00
Plate Offerings	157.00	41.67	115.33
Regular NonPledge	1,265.00	333.34	931.66
Easter Offering	1.00	-	1.00
Facility Use Income	215.00	2,236.00	(2,021.00)
Pastoral Sub ELCA	3,962.49	3,962.32	0.17
Thrift Shop Operations	451.33	433.34	17.99
Labyrinth	(8.37)	8.33	(16.70)
Gifts Received	-	-	-
Altar Flowers	(88.72)	-	(88.72)
Interest	0.34	0.65	(0.31)
Special Worship Offering	-	-	-
Rector's Discretionary Fund	46.00	-	46.00
Endowment Influx	-	-	-
Memorial Gift	-	-	-
Other Income	56.30	-	56.30
Total Income	\$ 9,513.03	\$ 11,182.32	\$ (1668.95)

EXPENSES

Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,833.48	\$ 3,290.80	\$ 1,457.32
Christian Ed & Spiritual Growth	146.04	304.16	158.12
Diocese	1,433.14	1,433.14	-
Governance	7,380.81	7,440.39	59.58
Lay Staff	2,100.00	3,100.00	1,000.00
Lay Staff Fringe Benefits	294.70	570.49	275.79
Miscellaneous	32.00	66.67	34.67
Office Expenses	374.54	544.77	170.23
Pastoral Care	47.00	173.33	126.33
Total Expenses	\$ 13,641.71	\$ 16,923.75	\$ 3,282.04

Positive/(Negative) results \$ (4,128.68) \$ (5,741.43) \$ 1,612.75

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.

Financial Report

The place of the church in society and in the lives of the faithful members is rapidly changing. While we can't go back to the way it was, we might be able to look at past circumstances and eras and gain clues about what it means to be faithful and present to a world that is so rapidly changing. This discovery of what it means to be Trinity Episcopal Church on the corners of North Main and Church Streets is an exploration we will have to do and be together.

While I am not averse to making decisions, my leadership style is primarily collaborative. We will have to move forward together. Your opinion and vision matters. Your hopes and fears matter. We will be as strong and enduring as our commitment to believe we can.

I look forward to our life together, and to learning about the beauty of your city and church from you. As you know, the worship schedule is a tight squeeze on Sunday, so much of our time together will need to be on other days. Over the next couple months, we will be exploring what office schedule works best between the two congregations, so I don't want to get locked in to specific hours yet. But please do drop by the office. Invite me to lunch or breakfast. Let's take a walk around the Park together. Come and pray, come and talk, come and share who you are.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know how God is working in your life.

Your servant,

Wanda+

Early Hospitality to Welcome our New Rector

Trinity Church extends a warm and heartfelt welcome to our new rector, the Rev. Wanda Copeland, whose first worship service at Trinity Church will be on Sunday, July 3rd at 9:00 am.

During the month of July, hospitality will begin at 8:30 am so Rev. Wanda will have time to greet us before worship. Her time with us afterwards will be limited since worship at St. Matthew's begins at 10:30.

Please come early to welcome her. If all goes well, we will plan to extend pre-service hospitality into August and beyond.

If you would like to host one of these hospitality times, please sign up after worship or contact the Parish Office at either 607-732-3241 or info@trinitychurchelmira.org. Your contribution would be very much appreciated!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30	3 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8	4 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2 Finance Meeting 5:30	5 Office Closed	6 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12 Convention to elect the new Bishop
7 Coffee Hour 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 10 UBC Worship 11 UBC Coffee 12	8 Office Closed	9 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30	10 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8	11 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2	12 Office Closed	13 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12
14 Coffee Hour 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 10 UBC Worship 11 UBC Coffee 12	15 Office Closed	16 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30	17 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 Aktion Club 5:30 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8	18 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2	19 Office Closed	20 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12
21 Coffee Hour 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 10 St. Matthew's Par- ish Picnic 11:00 UBC Worship 11 UBC Coffee 12	22 Office Closed	23 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 UBC Execu- tive Board Mtg 5:30	24 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8	25 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2	26 Office Closed	27 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12
28 Coffee Hour 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 10 UBC Worship 11 UBC Coffee 12	29 Office Closed Wanda on vacation	30 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Wanda on vacation	31 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30 Wanda on vacation Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8	AUGUST		

Labyrinth News

A celebration of the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene will be held on the Labyrinth at Trinity at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 22nd.

The evening will begin with an open prayer circle and a presentation of a beautiful original etching of Mary Magdalene by Charles Bird. All are welcome to bring and read a prayer or meditation for the prayer circle.

This will be followed by reflection of Mary Magdalene's story as a follower of Christ's teachings and as a spiritual teacher to us all.

Our Joyful Celebration will be an introduction to a Simple Spiritual Dance of sisters' celebrating Mary Magdalene's Feast Day, followed by a closing prayer by Beth Frigard, after which we will transition to the reflection benches for a time of silent meditation.



Labyrinth



Wear a long dress if you have one, and bring your dancing slippers and a shawl or long scarf. This presentation will not be our traditional labyrinth walk, but instead a JOYFUL CELEBRATION and DANCE, all dancing the labyrinth celebrating Mary Magdalene, as each is able.

The evening will end with fellowship and refreshments. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

June Vestry Report

A contract with A-1 Cleaning Services was approved. They began on June 13 and will clean three times week, on Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the early evening. The cost is \$210/week. Two additional contracts with A1 were approved, one to clean and wax the kitchen and the Parish Building hallway floors on June 16 (\$475) and the other to clean and coat the Parish Hall floor on June 23 (\$940). Because we are without a sexton to care for our grounds, members of the Vestry responded by volunteering to mow and weed whack. All parishioners are invited to join them in this effort. It was reported that the proposed Family Resource Center, which was interested in locating in the Arnot Memorial Room, has found another location more suitable to their needs. Efforts continue to find a funding source to help defray the cost of painting the ceiling and replacing broken windows in the Arnot Memorial Room. A revised budget for the last half of 2016 was submitted by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry. Following the meeting a social time was held in recognition of Fr. Bill's last Vestry meeting and the leadership he has so ably provided over the last sixteen plus years.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheasley and Judi Brayer

Next Vestry
meeting is
July 17th at 8 am

July Birthdays

1:	James Callas	20:	Luther Colwell
4:	Kevin Nagle & Bernadette Baldwin	21:	Riley Van Deusen
6:	William Meyn	23:	Lee Ostrander
8:	McKenzie Snyder & Gregory Barron	26:	Joy Perry & Beatrice Riggs & Olivia Lutz
9:	Erica Costello	28:	Colleen Rennie
12:	Alicia Costello	29:	Rev. John Humphries, Jr. & Sabrina Macomber
15:	Cody Carlson	30:	Carrie Zeigler
19:	Haleigh Carlson		

July Anniversaries

1:	Melissa & Josua Church and Lisa & John Kelly
7:	Suzanne & John Knighton
10:	Penny & David Allington
23:	Margaret & James Callas
26:	Marci & James Hilgendorf

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. July's designated good is dish detergent. August's designated good is toilet paper. These goods can be of any brand name, type and size will be acceptable 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 in the back of the Parish Hall. Second Place East, Inc. thanks everyone for their help in this mission.



Candidate "Walkabouts"



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WALKABOUTS

Weds, Jul 20: Watertown
Thurs, Jul 21: Auburn
Fri, Jul 22: Oneida
Sat, Jul 23: Owego

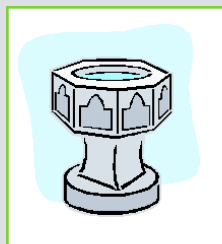
details: cnyepiscopal.org

This series of meet-and-greet sessions, July 20–23, will give the people of our diocese the opportunity to get to know the candidates in our bishop search. Visit the diocesan website for full details.



May Baptism

On Sunday, May 15th, Cerridwen Morgan Barbara Waite was baptized at Trinity. Parents Katie Nagle and Jeremy Waite, as well as Godparents Jamie Waite and Mary Kennedy, all welcomed Cerridwen into the fold. Welcome Cerridwen!



Recognition Sunday

On June 5th, Trinity continued its annual tradition of not only recognizing but thanking its Parish Family for serving Trinity in its mission, ministry and fellowship. Those that had contributed to the lifestream of Trinity were asked to come forward and decorate the wreath with flowers provided by Christopher's Florist.



Vacation Bible School
Our Neighbors Around the World

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
408 S. Main St, Horseheads, NY
607.739.5226

www.stmatthews.steepleconnect.com



July 10th – 14th
5:30p – 8:30p
\$15/child & \$30/family
(Dinner Included)
Registration Sunday, July 10th @ 5:00p

August Birthdays

2: Molly Lutz	10: Donald Bishop, Jr.
3: Joe Battisti & Andy Spaziani	16: Marian Leljedal
5: Katie Colwell & Ginger Minster	25: Carol Ostrander
7: Penny Allington	26: Josua Church & Shawn Nugent
8: Arlene Smith & Delainey Bishop & Jane Smith & Thomas Rennie	27: Mother Nancy Lane & Kyle Elston & Shelly Bacmanski

August Anniversaries

3: Joy & Matthew Perry	12: Jacquelyn & Michael Brown
6: Kimberly & Brian Doty	17: Joyce & James Baldwin
7: Judi & Dan Brayer	28: Tara & Shawn Nugent

Thrift Shop Report

We're so excited to be open on Thursdays now! Our regular Thursday crews have been working hard to stimulate some traffic from the Wisner Market and bring some new faces into our shop. As always, if you find you could help out on a Thursday from 10 to 2, we would love to have you. Contact Lisa Kelly if you can volunteer. The shop will be open on Thursdays thru the end of September. We are still open on Saturdays from 9 to noon.

We've had an influx of donations from rummage sale leftovers lately, but we can't stop seeking out donations. Our income is dependent on having new stock every week. Both of our recent donations came as a result of someone talking to their neighbor about their plans for excess rummage after a sale and offering to deliver it to the church for the neighbor. A wonderful way to keep us in business and help your neighbor too! If you need assistance delivering or unloading rummage, please contact either me or the office.

– Sue Draht



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3
 Coffee Hour 8:30
 Holy Eucharist 9
 UBC Adult Ed 10
 UBC Worship 11
 UBC Coffee 12

4
 Office Closed
 Independence Day Holiday

5
 Office Closed
 Cantata Rummage Sale Drop Off 9 - 7

6 Office Open
 8:30 - 1:30
 Cantata Rummage Sale Drop Off 9 - 7
 Christian Counseling 8 - 11
 AA 12:15
 Finance 5:30
 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8

7
 Cantata Rummage Sale 8 - 3
 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30
 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2
 Girl Scouts 6 - 7:30

1 Office Closed

8
 Office Closed

2 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12

9
 Cantata Rummage Sale 8 - 12
 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12
 UBC wedding 5

10 Coffee Hour 8:30
 Holy Eucharist 9
 UBC Adult Ed 10
 UBC Worship 11
 UBC Coffee 12

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 Office Closed

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 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8

14 Office Open
 8:30 - 1:30
 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2
 Girl Scouts 6 - 7:30

15
 Office Closed

16
 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12

17 Vestry 8
 Coffee Hour 8:30
 Holy Eucharist & In-Gathering 2nd Place East 9
 UBC Adult Ed 10
 UBC Worship 11
 UBC Coffee 12

18
 Office Closed

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 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30

20 Office Open
 8:30 - 1:30
 Christian Counseling 8 - 11
 AA 12:15
 Aktion Club 5:30 - 9
 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8

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 Office Open 8:30 - 1:30
 Thrift Shop Open 10 - 2

22
 Office Closed
 Labyrinth Walk 7

23
 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12

24 Coffee Hour 8:30
 Holy Eucharist 9
 UBC Adult Ed 10
 UBC Worship 11
 UBC Coffee 12

25
 Office Closed

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 Office Closed
 UBC Exec. Bd. 5:30

27 Office Closed
 Christian Counseling 8 - 11
 AA 12:15
 UBC Choir 6:30 - 8

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 UBC Coffee 12
 10

JULY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTOR/INTERCESSOR</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Counters</u>
July 3, 2016 Proper 9	Lisa Kelly 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16	Shelly Bacmanski Psalm 30	Kendra Mace	Tari Buchholz Carol Ostrander	Nancy Isaacs
July 10, 2016 Proper 10	Sue Nagle Amos 7: 7-17 Colossians 1: 1-14	Sue Draht Psalm 82	Nick Potter	Jackie Draht Esther Thomas	Nancy Isaacs
July 17, 2016 Proper 11	Tari Buchholz Amos 8: 1-12 Colossians 1: 15-28	Ben Buchholz Psalm 52	Steve Buchholz	Judy Sheasley	Nancy Isaacs
July 24, 2016 Proper 12	Dan Brayer Hosea 1: 2-10 Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19)	Sue Nagle Psalm 85	Haleigh Carlson	Nancy Isaacs	Nancy Isaacs
July 31, 2016 Proper 13	Shelly Bacmanski Hosea 11: 1-11 Colossians 3: 1-11	Cody Carlson Psalm 107: 1-9, 43	Kendra Mace	Jackie Draht Esther Thomas	Nancy Isaacs
August 7, 2016 Proper 14	Steve Snyder Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Dan Brayer Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24	Nick Potter	Tari Buchholz Carol Ostrander	Nancy Isaacs
August 14, 2016 Proper 15	Esther Thomas Isaiah 5: 1-7 Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2	Shelly Bacmanski Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18	Steve Buchholz	Jackie Draht Esther Thomas	Nancy Isaacs
August 21, 2016 Proper 16	Jackie Draht Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Hebrews 12: 18-29	Sue Draht Psalm 71: 1-6	Haleigh Carlson	Judy Sheasley	Nancy Isaacs
August 28, 2016 Proper 17	Tari Buchholz Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Ben Buchholz Psalm 81: 1, 10-16	Kendra Mace	Nancy Isaacs	Nancy Isaacs

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/baptism of a child/grandchild, etc...) or the flowers could be placed in memory of a loved one? The arrangement cost is \$40.00. Please contact the Parish Office or fill out the altar flower form found in the back of the church. 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. The flowers on July 3rd are in memory of Loranca Padgett.



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St. Matthew's Parish Picnic

Please come join St. Matthew's on Sunday, August 21st at Park Station. Eucharist will start at 11:00 am. Please bring a dish to pass, your favorite beverage and a chair. This is a great way for both parishes to mix and mingle and get to know each other as we begin sharing Reverend Wanda.



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Wardens: Judy Sheasley and Judi Brayer

Vestry Members: Jeanne Battisti, Nancy Isaacs, Jim Hilgendorf, Tom Padgett, Susan Nagle and Mike Buchholz

Treasurer: Dori Riggs

Clerk of the Vestry: Shelly Bacmanski

Florist: Zeigler's Florists

Cleaning Service: A-1 Cleaning Company

