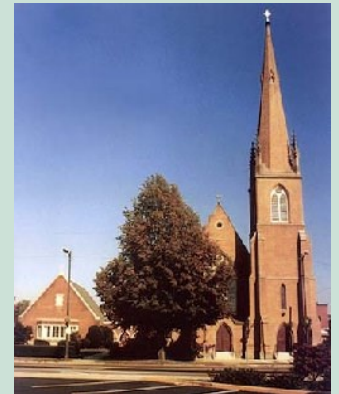


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Annual Abrahamic Walk Set for May 21

A three-mile walk for interfaith understanding will take place on Sunday, May 21, stepping off at 2:30 p.m. in Elmira, with a concluding program in Big Flats. Called “The Path of Abraham,” the walk celebrates three faiths—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—that trace their origins to the Biblical patriarch and prophet Abraham. The walk is an education project of the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC), which began this annual event in 2012.

The goal, according to Interfaith Coalition chair Dr. Zaman Marwat, is not only to walk on behalf of interfaith understanding, but also for individual participants to increase their own understanding by walking with someone of another religion and discussing faith-related topics. The walk will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 West Water Street, in West Elmira. Participants will then walk east to the Park Church (208 W. Gray St.) for a rest stop and then back to Kol Ami. The walk mileage is three miles. Participants will then drive to IAFL – the Islamic Association of the Finger Lakes, 62 Main Street, Big Flats for refreshments.

“The original idea for a Path of Abraham Walk was for interfaith groups to walk the entire route from the site of Ur, in southern Iraq, to Haran, in southern Turkey, and then to Jerusalem, in Israel, as the Bible states that Abraham and Sarah traveled,” said STIC Education Chair, Rev. Jeffery Ugoretz. “For those of us who can’t travel to the Middle East and hike in the desert for days on end, an alternative is to walk a local route that includes a synagogue, a church, and a mosque.”

“Even that is difficult here, because while the Islamic Association of the Finger Lakes and Congregation Kol Ami are both within walking distance of several churches, they are about seven miles from each other, with no safe walking route,” he said, “so we have to carpool between two of the stops.”

The walk is open to everyone, at no charge. Ample parking is available at Congregation Kol Ami at the start of the walk, and then street parking on Main Street (County Road 64) and River Road for the conclusion of the event. Individuals unable to walk the three-mile route may participate in one segment of the walk and/or join a discussion at the Islamic Center during the walking portion of the event.

Prayer Requests

Our **prayers** are requested for Debra Haldeman, James Callas, Doree Tanner, Sybil Edson, Phyllis Moffat, William Warner, Tari Buchholz, Arlene Smith, Irene Graham, Jane Smith, Frances Benjamin, David Allington, Sophia Batrouney, Lee Ostrander, Phyllis, Mary, Tim O’Brien, Theresa Simmons and Jean Sallade.

Grounds Cleanup & Planting Day

Saturday, June 3rd at 8:30 a.m.



Join in a morning of fresh air and family fun! Please bring bedding plants and your favorite gardening tools. Even if you are not able to be there, plants are always welcome. (Begonias seem to do especially well.) Help us build a perennial garden for future years by bringing favorites from your garden as well.

SEE YOU THERE!

UTO INGATHERING

May 2017

“GOD GAVE YOU THE GIFT OF 86,000 SECONDS TODAY, HAVE YOU USED ONE TO SAY “THANK YOU?”*

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the entire church. Its aim is to expand the circle of thankful people through daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God’s blessings. The prayers of thanksgiving begin when we recognize and give thanks for our many blessings and challenges. This thankfulness can lead to generosity through our UTO participation. Our gifts are spread throughout the world in grants for widely varied, much needed projects. With grateful hearts and a discipline of giving in our daily life in Christ, our UTO offering is a tangible outpouring of our commitment to God and the Anglican Communion. UTO In-Gathering Sunday will be May 14th, Mother’s Day, this year.

With thanks to everyone,
Joy Perry, UTO Chair

*William A. Ward

Charles Lawrence Wisehart

The Vestry recently learned that Trinity had been named a beneficiary of the estate of Charles Lawrence (or C. Lawrence) Wisehart.

Charles died at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Belle and Albert Friend, 554 Maple Avenue in Elmira, on March 25, 1945. He was 73. The Rev. Henry Hubbard, rector of Trinity Church, officiated at his funeral, which took place at the Maple Avenue home. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Albert died in 1961 and Elizabeth in 1973. Both were members of Trinity whose deaths were recorded in the Parish Register, while Charles’ was not, presumably because his funeral did not take place in the church. Albert and Charles are buried in Woodlawn as well.

Elizabeth was named first beneficiary of Charles’ estate, after which came her son, Richard A. Friend. Following Richard’s death in Binghamton on July 27, 2016, Trinity received notification that a portion of the remainder of the estate was designated to be passed on to the parish.

We are deeply grateful to Charles for naming Trinity in his will nearly fifty-five years ago and regret that we know so little about him. If anyone has any information about Trinity’s benefactor, please let me know.

Fun facts
about our
church’s
history

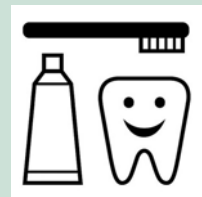
Altar Flowers

The altar flower fund is a self-sustaining fund. Trinity does not budget for the fresh altar flowers we use each week. We rely on the parishioners to help defray this cost. The floral arrangement is \$40.00. Please contact the Parish Office or fill out the altar flower form found in the back of the chapel if you would like to remember the memory of a loved one or if you wish to celebrate something or someone special. 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. On Sunday May 14th the altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jackie Draht's mother. On May 21st the altar flowers are given in memory of Carl Edson by Sybil, Judy and Beth.



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. May's designated good is new toothpaste and toothbrushes. 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 church. Or, if you would rather donate money which can always be put to good use, Second Place East, Inc. does have a mailbox in the Parish Office. Second Place East, Inc. thanks everyone for their help in this mission.



May Anniversaries

26: Steven & Virginia Snyder

May Birthdays

5: John Kelly	20: Al Draht
7: Molly Nugent	21: Devella Colwell & Jack Elston
9: George Eisinger	24: Tom Wingert
10: Sybil Edson	26: Peyton Melanson
18: Nancy Annis & Stephen Buchholz	27: Claire Elston
	31: Nicholas Brown



Sybil Edson is turning 101 years old!

You are invited to Sybil Edson's 101st Birthday Celebration

Saturday, May 13th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Bethany Manor Dining Room.

Please come!! (Your presence is your present.)

Third Friday Walk at Trinity

“Honoring Mothers”

Friday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

We will walk in honor of Mothers, those who are with us and those who are separated from us. Invite your Mom or bring a photo of Mom or person you are remembering this evening, place on center table, light a candle, silently pray your intention. Hold the intention in your heart during the walk.



Labyrinth



We will gather in the center for all who wish to share a memory or read a prayer in honor of Mothers'. Return to transformation bench and prepare heart and mind for the walk. Walk the Labyrinth with Mindfulness and Gratitude for your Mother/person you remember as Mom. When reaching center pick up your candle to walk out with candle symbolizing Healing, Love, Acceptance and Surrender as needed.

'As we walk remember we are all in the rhythms of the cycle of the life'

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