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Sabbatical News

The details have been finalized. I will be taking a sabbatical this summer. As I have been pulling out previous materials, I noted that I took my last sabbatical in the summer of 2004—thirteen years ago. I had been at my first parish for ten years without a break of more than a week at a time, and I was really tired. I have to tell you, I am feeling very depleted right now, and I am not able to give you my best.

By God's grace, during my previous sabbatical, we had good ecumenical neighbors who helped watch over the parish in my rest, and there were no real disasters at church. I am already in prayer this will be the case at Trinity and St. Matthew's during this sabbatical.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some of the basics. In the days ahead, I will be compiling a booklet with more specifics and details for the weeks upcoming. I hope you will take a copy to keep up with what I am doing, and what I am asking the congregation to be 'working on'.

What is a sabbatical?

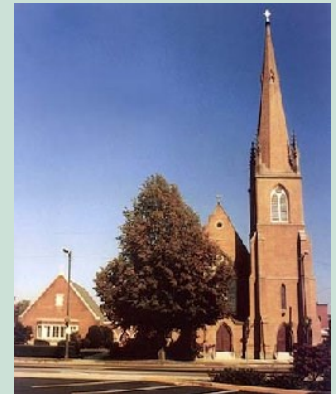
"The fundamental purpose of a sabbatical is to have a time for rest, renewal and recreation so as to return refreshed in one's ministry. It should combine the following elements: study and development; space for reflection (self and God); and refreshment." (*The Diocese in Europe of The Church of England*)

"The purpose of a Sabbatical leave is to provide an opportunity for those on Sabbatical to rest. If God thought it was good for God, surely God thinks it is good for God's people. In this regard (as in others) Clergy are to be models of God to God's people. It is, therefore, incumbent on them to be deliberate in taking regular times for the rest which allows for the replenishment of the body and the spirit. Sabbaticals are in addition to regularly scheduled vacation times and are not to be confused with sick leave or any other kind of leave.

This Diocese strongly recommends that each vestry or mission council employing a clergy person arrange with its clergy person to take a Sabbatical of no less than 3 months every 5 to 7 years." (*The Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee*)

When will I be on Sabbatical?

I will begin on April 24th and return August 1st. I will fulfill the expectation of taking one "major feast" off—the celebration of Pentecost Day.



What will we do for worship services?

I have asked several people to help provide Holy Eucharist during this time. The plan is to have a supply priest serve both Trinity and St. Matthews on the same weekend to save on mileage and 'multi-service' costs. A full schedule is forth-coming soon.

What about pastoral emergencies

Please call the parish office for the phone numbers of the wardens. They will be contacting lay people or clergy who are stepping in to provide support. If you have to leave a message, please be as clear and specific as you can, and provide a way for someone to return your call.

Who will cover the day-to-day issues that come up?

Kelly will maintain her regular schedule of M-Th 1:00—5:00 in the office. Other things will be handled by the wardens, Judi Brayer (Sr. Warden) and Susan Nagle (Jr. Warden), and by the various vestry members.

What do I have scheduled for sabbatical?

Melody and I begin with a three-week visit to France and Belgium. We will primarily be touring the front lines of World War I (2014—2018 are the 100th anniversary years of WWI). I also have a family wedding in Oakland, CA in July. In addition, I hope to spend time working on Johnson family genealogy, cleaning the basement and playing with Sig.

What are you expecting us to do?

I am inviting all of you to do several things:

continue to pray for Trinity

pray for me as I refresh

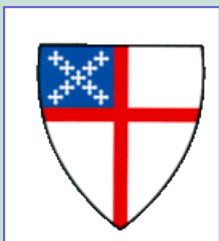
come to church as you regularly would (or more often)

think about whether you could step up for one more thing around church in this period.

If we see you in the grocery store, can we speak to you?

Yes. I am resting. I don't have the plague. I will be in and out of town, so you won't see me all the time, but I'll be around. Melody will also be in church from time to time when we are around.

Diocese Youth Activities



The New Beginnings Spring 2017 Weekend (rescheduled due to the snowstorm) for youth in grades 6 – 8 will take place April 28th - April 30th at St. Paul's Church in Owego.

Saints Peter and John Church in Auburn is planning a July 2019 Youth Group Workcamp Mission week. To get involved or just to learn more, please call Ms. Mary Riley at

315-704-8849.

The Diocesan website has more information on all of the above.

Fellowship/Hospitality update

Spring really is just around the corner. This is a reminder to mark your calendar for the annual Spring Fling Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, April 20th at 11:30. All are welcome! Watch for information in the mail! We look forward to welcoming you!

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, April 8th at 9:30 in the morning to polish the and clean the altar and the inside of our church. We hope you can join us as we make Trinity ready for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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 while we are in the chapel for the winter months is \$40.00 as we require smaller arrangements. 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 April 23, the altar flowers are given in loving memory of Carrie Lewis by her husband Bill.

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. April's designated good is new towels and wash cloths. 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.

Thrift Shop Report

We've had a busy start to 2017 with a lot of traffic and sales. With that, we are in desperate need of donations. If you can help out, it would be much appreciated. Are neighbors having a rummage sale? Ask them to donate the leftovers. Know of someone moving? Ask them to donate their unneeded belongings. Sadly, if someone has died that you know, what's happening to their household goods? Please help us out with looking for goods we can sell in the Shop. If necessary, we can pick up the donations and deliver them to the church.

As always, we are so grateful to our volunteers who continue to keep the shop afloat. During the week, Nancy Isaacs, Carol VanDeusen and Judy Sheasley work in the shop, restocking and straightening the rooms, as well as processing anything we get new. It's important work that may go unnoticed but is much appreciated by all of us. – Sue Draht





B&G Report

Tim has been very busy, getting to know our buildings and working on projects that have been on the “to do” list for a while. You’ll see signs of him patching and prepping areas for paint, including the hallway outside the restrooms in the Parish Hall. He has been a blessing and we are so grateful to have him with us.

We have a master list of tasks to be accomplished that Tim is working from. One of the areas of focus is to repaint walls and rooms that need a freshening. We have not got the budget to do as much as we’d like to do, so I’d like to challenge each of you to contribute the cost of a can of paint. Let’s assume a can of paint is \$20.....how many cans of paint would you like to pay for? To get this started, I’m going to pay for 2 cans of paint. Simply send in a check to the church with paint project in the memo line or drop a check or cash in the collection plate next week (earmarked for the paint project) and let’s see how much paint we can buy to keep Tim busy!– Sue Draht

Vestry Report

In order to conserve heat, Sunday morning worship will continue to be held in the Trinity Room. We will return to the church on Palm Sunday.

A discussion occurred regarding a request from UBC to change their worship time to 10:30 AM rather than 11:00 AM. Parking will be more of an issue for them. It was agreed that we would allow it on a trial basis until June. A Space Usage Agreement was reviewed.

A Lowe’s credit card has been established making it easier for our sexton Tim to make purchases when repairs are necessary.

The Vestry held a Leadership Retreat on March 18 at St. Matthew’s from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The focus of the meeting was to look over our church identity and consider how to move forward. Several areas of need were identified, which require action. With help from others, Vestry members will be executing those actions.

Rev. Wanda will be on sabbatical from May to August. Supply has been scheduled for half of the Sundays of her absence. Lisa Kelly and Susan Nagle are meeting with her to look at creative ways for liturgy during the remaining Sundays.

In April, a joint Vestry meeting with St. Matthew’s will be conducted. The Trinity Vestry will meet at 6:00 PM to discuss church business, then a combined meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Topics will include planning for future joint events as well as our plans for when Rev. Wanda is away on sabbatical. This meeting will be held at St. Matt’s in Horseheads.

Next Vestry meeting is April 19th at St. Matthew’s Church at 6 pm

Easter Flowers

It is a tradition at Trinity Church to adorn the church nave and chancel with Easter Lilies during Eastertide. We ask that you consider making a contribution toward the cost of the flowers, either in loving memory of departed family and friends or as an act of thanksgiving. Offerings will be acknowledged in the Easter service bulletin if in to the Parish Office by **Noon, Tuesday, April 4th**.

Contributions may be left in the Parish Office weekdays Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm or may be placed in the alms basin in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". The suggested donation for Easter flowers is \$15.00. In order to avoid any typographical errors, we request that you **PRINT** the information to be entered into the service bulletin.

Please acknowledge my contribution for Easter flowers in memory of

Please acknowledge my contribution for Easter flowers as an act of thanksgiving in the name(s) of

From:

Please send to the Parish Office or bring to worship with your check. Thank you.

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 West Water Street, Elmira
Sunday, April 30th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Listen to Mesmerizing Klezmer Music, performed without a Mesmerizer!

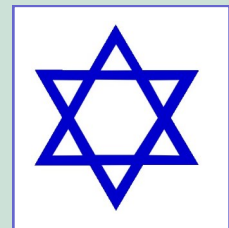
Plus: Raffles and a Tchochke Shop Featuring Treasures at Old-Fashioned Prices.

- Delicatessen
- Soups and Hot Dishes
- Dairy
- Israeli Fast Food
- Bakery
- Beverages

Admission: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, includes \$3 in food tickets. Extra food tickets are available at a cost of \$1 each.

Children under 13 admitted free with an adult.

Tickets available at Congregation Kol Ami, the Jewish Center & Federation or call (607) 734-8122.



Tibetan Singing Bowls Walk and Meditation a Success

We are especially pleased to report that on Friday, February 17 there were eighteen guests on the Labyrinth for our Tibetan Singing Bowls Walk and Meditation with Mark Woodhouse. Donations for this walk made it possible for us to pay Mark as well as purchase supplies and additional Stations of the Cross posters for the Lenten Walk, independent of using allocated funds monies from the church's operating budget.



Mark Your Calendars now!

World Labyrinth Day

Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m.

The Labyrinth at Our Lady of Lourdes

Christ the Redeemer Parishes

"The World Walks as One at 1 p.m."

Gloria O'Sullivan and Judy Sheasley

April Birthdays

3: Maxwell Doty	15: Jackie Brown
6: Kim Doty	16: Katie Nagle
7: Corey Knighton & Wanda Copeland	18: Judi Brayer
8: Dori Riggs & Laura Knighton	19: Robert Sallade & Charlene Haldeman
9: Kendra Mace	26: Nicole Barron
11: Lucille Doty	28: Stephen Nagle
12: Sophia Batrouney & Louise Marsh	

April 10 is Mother Nancy Lane's ordination anniversary.



	Lector/ Intercessor	EM	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Ushers
2-Apr	CJ Wallace	Shelly Bacmanski		Tari Buchholz Carol Ostrander	Lisa Kelly Carol Van Deusen
9-Apr Palm Sunday	Dan Brayer	Joy Perry	Nick Potter Quinten Haldeman	Jackie Draht	Judi Brayer Dan Brayer Carol Van Deusen
14-Apr Good Friday				Nancy Isaacs	
16-Apr Easter Sunday	Steve Snyder	Sue Draht	Nick Potter Quinten Haldeman	Jackie Draht Nancy Isaacs	Al Draht Tom Padgett Mike Buchholz Carol Van Deusen
23-Apr	Jackie Draht	Susan Nagle		Judy Sheasley	Judy Sheasley Carol Van Deusen
30-Apr	Sue Draht	Cody Carlson			Judi Brayer Dan Brayer

Labyrinth

ALL are invited to come celebrate the new beginnings of Spring

Trinity's Third Friday Labyrinth Walk will be held on

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 7 P.M.

Spring is a time of awakening, new life, new beginnings, fresh starts...
Join together in welcoming the long-awaited gift of Spring time to blossom!



Come join us for this very Special SPRING gathering
Walking meditations and prayers for our dreams, hopes & plans.

With God all things are possible - John 19:26

We will walk to the beautiful soft piano and sounds of spring rain.



the labyrinth builders...

NEW BEGINNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

300 East Miller St. (between Maple Ave and Clemens Pkwy)

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 1st, beginning @ 4 PM – until ?

Children under 12 - \$4.50, Seniors - \$6.50, Adults - \$7.50

Handicap accessible.

Take outs available.



Labyrinth



Jackson Richardson, Trinity Vestryman and Warden

Jackson Richardson was president of the J. Richardson Boot and Shoe Company, a vital part of Elmira's economy in the late 19th century. He was also an active member of Trinity Church, having served on the Vestry for thirty years and Junior Warden for twenty. The Rev. George H. McKnight was Rector during this time.

Trinity's history, *A Century of Progress, 1933*, recounts that Richardson's death on (July 1,) 1897 was a great loss to Trinity. In 1894, he was recognized for his kindness and generosity for providing much-needed funds to paint the church and rectory. Despite frail health and professional challenges, Richardson built a thriving business, his early struggles making him more liberal with his resources as he became successful. "He was a wise counselor, a true and devoted friend, retiscent (sic) in speech, pure in life, devoted to his family and friends and his Church."

An announcement in the April 1, 1875 *Elmira Daily Advertiser* read: "Persons desiring to rent pews in Trinity Church will please apply at J. Richardson's office 107 W. Water St." Richardson's factory was located at Market Street and Railroad Avenue near the site of The Clemens Center today. In the 1870s Richardson built a home for his family at 359 West Church Street and for some of the boot company managers, the Victorian Row Houses on West Water Street.

At Richardson's death, his son Frederick became company president and remained in the home until the business failed in May 1908. The building was the home of Daniel Kennedy, president of the Kennedy Valve Co., from 1910 to 1958. The house was then purchased by Don Pauldine and converted it into the Ritz Carriage House apartments and beauty school and salon. The property changed hands twice more before Chemung County obtained it by foreclosure. Historic Elmira and the Near Westside Neighborhood Association are currently renovating the Richardson-Kennedy House at 359 West Church Street. The Row Houses are being renovated by Capriotti Properties.

Information regarding history and renovation of the Richardson-Kennedy House was taken from the Elmira Star Gazette, November 23, 2016.

Fun facts
about our
church's
history

First Quarter Pledge Report for 2017

Shortly you will be able to pick up your quarterly pledge reports from the back of the church. Please look it over carefully as we have recently changed banking/reporting software. While we have made every effort to ensure we are accurate with the financial record keepings, until we are aware of all the different nuances of the software program, we may have missed something in the record keeping. If there is a mistake, please let Kelly in the Parish Office know so we can quickly make amends. Also, if you are lagging in your pledge, please make every effort to bring your pledge up to date as this year Trinity is attempting to lean less on our endowments to make ends meet.



Financial Report for 2017			
	February Actual	February Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Pledges	\$ 3,861.00	\$ 3,895.67	\$ (34.67)
Plate Offerings	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Regular NonPledge	\$ 410.00	\$ 833.33	\$ (423.33)
Facility Use Income	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 2,301.66	\$ (40.66)
Thrift Shop Operations	\$ 472.21	\$ 400.00	\$ 72.21
Labyrinth	\$ 79.00	\$ (70.00)	\$ 149.00
Altar Flowers	\$ (170.00)	\$ -	\$ (170.00)
Capital Project	\$ (950.00)	\$ -	\$ (950.00)
Interest	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.42	\$ (0.06)
Outreach Projects	\$ 5.06	\$ -	\$ 5.06
Prior Year Pledge	\$ 155.00	\$ -	\$ 155.00
Memorial Gift	\$ 5,380.00	\$ -	\$ 5,380.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,833.33	\$ 4,166.67
Total Income	\$ 21,503.63	\$ 13,244.41	\$ 8,259.22
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$ 28.20	\$ 130.00	\$ 101.80
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,611.44	\$ 4,825.20	\$ 3,213.76
Christian Ed & Spiritual Growth	\$ 160.70	\$ 120.83	\$ (39.87)
Diocese	\$ 1,478.24	\$ 1,486.59	\$ 8.35
Governance	\$ 4,482.81	\$ 4,335.16	\$ (147.65)
Lay Staff	\$ 2,426.00	\$ 2,648.75	\$ 222.75
Lay Staff Fringes	\$ 571.78	\$ 407.60	\$ (164.18)
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 33.34	\$ 33.34
Office Expenses	\$ 332.19	\$ 471.29	\$ 139.10
Total Expenses	\$ 11,091.36	\$ 14,458.76	\$ 3,367.40

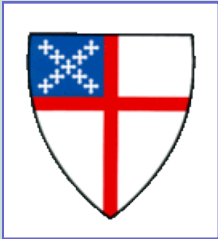
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From the Desk of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You see a letter like this every year from your presiding bishop with a request to support the Good Friday Offering. Why? Because we walk the walk of Christ when we walk in solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East, who keep the faith in the very land Jesus called home. We walk the walk of Christ when we advocate for the voices of those who work fearlessly for peace in the midst of unremitting violence. We walk the walk of Christ when we support ministries of healing, education, pastoral care, and interfaith cooperation rooted in a deep desire for a future full of reconciliation and hope.

The Good Friday Offering is our opportunity to add some of the substance of our lives to the substance of our prayers. You have heard me talk about the Jesus Movement so much in these past months. Jesus of Nazareth is not about the talk of faith. He is not about the walk of faith. He is about both the talk and the walk. The Jesus Movement is about the journey we share with a world desperate to see examples of the love of God lived out in each one of us to empower compassion and mercy for all people in all places.



The Jesus Movement is manifested through opportunities like the Good Friday Offering to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

I ask you to join me in the journey of faith as part of the Jesus Movement in supporting the Good Friday Offering again this year.

May God bless you and the love we share in our Lord and Savior.

Your brother in Christ,
+ Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12 UBC Missional Church 9 - 11 Feldenkrais Class 10 - 11
5 Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 9 UBC Choir 10 UBC Worship 10:30 UBC Coffee 11:30	3 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Sexton works today Wanda away on continu- ing educa- tion	4 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Wanda away on continu- ing educa- tion	5 Sexton works today Children's Closet 9 - 11 Second Place East 11 No Sew Blanket 11:30 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 Office Open 1 - 5 UBC Choir 5 - 8 Wanda away on continu- ing education	6 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Sexton works today Christian Counseling 3 - 8 Wanda away on continuing education	7 Office Closed Canterbury Way 10:30 Wanda away on continuing edu- cation	8 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12 Altar Polishing 9:30 Feldenkrais Class 10 - 11
9 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 9 UBC Choir 10 UBC Worship 10:30 UBC Coffee 11:30	10 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Sexton works today	11 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Finance Mtg 5:30	12 Sexton works today Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 AA 12:15 Office Open 1 - 5 UBC Choir 5 - 8	13 Maundy Thursday Office Open 1:00 - 7:00 Sexton works today Christian Counseling 3 - 8 Service at St. Matts 7	14 Good Friday Office Closed Service at Trini- ty 7	15 Easter Vigil Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12 Feldenkrais Class 10 - 11 Easter Vigil at St. Matt's 5:30
16 Easter Holy Eucharist 9 UBC Adult Ed 9 UBC Choir 10 UBC Worship 10:30 UBC Coffee 11:30	17 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Sexton works today	18 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Wanda at Diocese all day	19 Sexton works today Children's Closet 9 - 11 Christian Counsel 11 - 8 Elmira Area Clergy 12 - 2 AA 12:15 Office Open 1 - 5 UBC Choir 5 - 8 Aktion Club 5 UBC Trustees 5 Vestry at St. Matts 6	20 Spring Fling Luncheon 12 Office Open 1:00 - 5:00 Sexton works today Christian Counseling 3 - 8	21 Office Closed The Record Deadline Wedding Re- hearsal and din- ner 5 Labyrinth Walk 7	22 Thrift Shop Open 9 - 12 Feldenkrais Class 10 - 11 Tallarida & Renshaw wed- ding
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Treasurer: Dori Riggs

Clerk of the Vestry: Shelly Bacmanski

Florist: Zeigler's Florists

Sexton: Timothy Marsh

