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TRINITY CHAPEL
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VESTRY MEMBERS
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JUNIOR WARDEN: Stephanie Hooper
TREASURER: Chester Hooper
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Donna King
CLERK: Bill McKenna, Betty Mahon, Nancy Sawyer,
Marge Halloran, Sherley Thom. Jim Spall,
Nan Gulliver

APRIL 2021



Holy Week Worship Schedule

St. Mark's, Westford & Trinity Chapel, Shirley

Register for Zoom Links at www.st-mark.org

Diocesan Online Services can be found at www.youtube.com/ediomass

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28

10 a.m. Trinity Chapel –Blessing of the Palms, first readings, prayers, Palm Sunday meditation

10:30 a.m. Car Palm Procession from Trinity to St. Mark's

11 a.m. Drive-In Service of Holy Eucharist at St. Mark's – livestreamed via YouTube from the front steps.

1 p.m. Passion Reading via Zoom. If you'd like to be a reader, email Meredith Marcinkewicz at info@trinityshirleycenter.org.

Maundy Thursday, April 1:

All Day: Online Diocesan Video Service

Preacher: Canon Carol Gallagher. Presider: Bishop Alan Gates

6 p.m. Zoom Home Agape Meal

9 p.m. "Watch with Me" Compline via YouTube Live Stream

Good Friday, April 2:

All Day: Online Diocesan Video Service.

Preacher: Br. James Koester, SSJE. Presider Rev. Allison Reed, Chaplain at Groton School.

Noon—3:00 pm Zoom Good Friday meditation, prayers, and music. **PLUS** the Trinity chapel will be open for quiet contemplative prayer.

Holy Saturday, April 3:

All Day: Online Diocesan Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom. Presider Bishop Gayle Harris.

Easter Sunday, April 4:

Pre-Recorded video service premiering at 8 a.m. via Facebook & YouTube

My beloved spoke and said to me "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come." ~ Song of Solomon 2:10-12a

New England spring is always a little shy, like someone peeking out their cracked-open door and then withdrawing quickly inside before they're spotted. One day it's 70 and sunny, the next we are shoveling snow. Most years, I'm not confident that spring has truly arrived until Memorial Day.

But this year, after a long and lonely winter, I'm more than willing to trade on hope. With the melting of winter's snow, I'm ready to tolerate whatever a New England spring might throw at us to return to weekly in-person worship, beginning Sunday, April 18, at 11 a.m. We will also continue to offer a joint online service of Morning Prayer with St. Mark's via Facebook and YouTube.

As much as we would like, the pandemic is not fully behind us, so we will continue to worship outside for the foreseeable future. As per instructions from our bishops and public health experts, we will continue to wear facemasks and remain 6 feet apart, and we will have to settle for spiritual food instead of sweet treats at coffee hour. But I am confident the sweetness of seeing one another again will be enough to make our weekly gatherings something to look forward to.

Please also note the new time for the start of worship: 11 a.m. We anticipate this will be a permanent shift; St. Mark's is shifting their service time to 9 a.m. so there is enough time between services for me to make my way from one church to the other. In the near future, we also anticipate adding a 10 a.m. fellowship and Christian Education hour before worship. This will give us ongoing opportunities for children's Sunday School classes, lay-led Bible studies and book clubs, relaxed fellowship time to chat and catch up with one another, and as COVID restrictions relax further, perhaps even the occasional brunch!

Because I will be leaving St. Mark's with just enough time to make it to Trinity for 11 a.m. worship, we will need some volunteers to help worship run smoothly. This "master of ceremonies" will be responsible for making sure everything is ready for worship: the Altar Guild has had time to set the table, the assigned lector and chalice bearer are present and ready to fill their roles, bulletins are available, and visitors have been welcomed. It will be this person's role to encourage people to move from fellowship time to the church for worship, and even, if necessary, to ask the lector to begin the Liturgy of the Word if I am unexpectedly delayed. This is an ideal role for someone with a knack for organization and a friendly way with people, and I know we have many people at Trinity who are perfect for it! If you would be willing to take a turn, please give me a call or drop me a text at 508-472-9656 or an e-mail revsuzannevade@gmail.com. I'd also like to hear from anyone who is willing to return to familiar roles as lector, intercessor, or chalice bearer, or who would be interested in trying such a role.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m., and then on Sundays beginning April 18 at 11 a.m.!

Suzanne



[Flowers—Nancy Shepherd, 978. 897 .6120](#)

Dear Trinity Friends: It is so good to be moving towards the celebration of Easter. As you know, from Suzanne's emails to us we will be celebrating on April 4th, weather permitting and then every Sunday every Sunday beginning April 18.

We will be having a flower donation for each Sunday. When you want to give flowers please let me know and I will buy them for the Sunday you have specified.

You can mail a check to Trinity Chapel, PO Box 1488, Shirley MA 01464. Please write flower donation on the memo line. In addition please let us know if the flowers are in memory of a loved one.

Nancy will purchase an arrangement for you or you can let her know if you will be choosing your own flowers.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS. I hope you have enjoyed praying for your prayer partners and sending them cards as we have moved through the season of Lent.

For Easter Day, send them a special Easter Card and let them know who you are. Also, if you have not heard from your SPP, let Nancy know so she can be in touch and give them a gentle reminder.

I think it has been really important to stay in touch with each other in this time of Covid. Let's find ways to continue to do so.

BLESSINGS TO ALL, Nancy



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Our ongoing Outreach Reminders

Lura A. White School students still need individual portions of peanut-free snacks.

Seafarer's Friends We are collecting and creating hats and scarves.

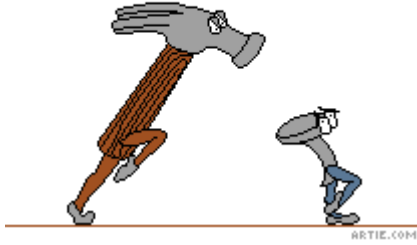
Loaves & Fishes—Devens — We are still collecting hardy canned soups and pasta meals.

All these contributions can be left in the containers in the front hall .

We also join with St. Mark's on the 1st Wednesday of each month by contributing salad ingredients for the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen in Lowell.

All the above gifts are greatly appreciated by our local neighbors.

**Minutes from Rectory Renovation Gang Meeting, Friday,
March 26, 2021**



Present at the meeting were: Nancy Shepherd; Meredith Marcinkewicz; Karla Leonard; Jean Reed; Nan Gulliver; Chet Hooper and Stephanie Hooper, Junior Warden

In this meeting, we reviewed the progress of the rectory repairs, which we had discussed at our last meeting, March 12.

- The electrical outlets are now all grounded and a new outlet has been put in the pantry off the kitchen. The bill for the work of the electrician, Mitchell Tine, has been paid.
- Darwin Farjardo has agreed to repair the stone steps and walkway in the front of the rectory as well as the steps at the front door. He will make a peastone walkway leading to the stone steps at both doors and edge the walkway with cobblestone. The railings at both steps will be included in the price of \$7,000.00. The Historical Commission of Shirley will review this plan at their next meeting.
- (P.S. The Commission met a few days later and approved Darwin's plan for the walkway and the steps. They also approved Fred Shoemaker's plan for the gutter over the porch and the down spout to divert the water away from the house. Darwin will find a time within the next month when he can do this work.)
- We have not heard anything new from Mass Save.
- Chet is in touch with the alarm company, SimpliSafe, to purchase two more smoke detectors at a reasonable cost.
- Stephanie contacted Guthrie Brothers to ask how much it would cost to put more large stones in the rectory driveway and in the parking lot next to the church to help reduce the large areas of mud. Guthrie will investigate the situation and give us an estimate, soon.
- We mentioned that we had heard that Bret Bahe had installed proper bulbs in all the light fixtures in the Chapel.
- Stephanie mentioned that she was going to contact Paul Swider, a window restorer, to ask if he could work with Bret to fix the windows and window sills in the rectory, once we have more money from the Capital Campaign.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to an update by Jean Reed regarding the Trinity Chapel Restoration Campaign.

- Jean and Meredith had had a good discussion about the website and AFM (Asking for money) material. Meredith also was composing a sample thank- you letter with proper 501 (c) (3) verbage to be included in the eventual thank- you letters that Nancy Shepherd and Linda Ham- mill will be writing to the campaign donors.
- Donna King will be keeping track of the money donated in the Campaign and Nancy Sawyer will be doing Research.

April 11th will be the Campaign Kick-off. April 18th at the 10-11 time before the beginning of the outdoor church service, there will be an opportunity to discuss the campaign amongst the congregants.

Our next meeting was scheduled for 9 am on Friday, April 16th. (Note--- The meeting date has now been changed to Friday, April 23rd as Stephanie and Chet will not be available on April 16th)

Stephanie Hooper, Jr. Warden

QUESTIONS TO PONDER ABOUT THE NEW NORMAL

On Saturday March 20 th, Stephanie Hooper and myself and Scott Hilton (Senior Warden from St. Mark's) attended a Zoom gathering of church wardens from all around the Diocese of MA. These catch up meetings are so good because it always broadens my church prospective.

"Church" has been my "hobby" for 40+ years. I am still learning, especially in how to be your Senior Warden. I have been on Vestry in 2 other churches. It's a wonderful job. I have learned that "church" is another name for "non profit business". Yes, someone said that on a Vestry retreat and it really stuck.

Sorry, I digress. One of the topics we are to think about before our Warden's get-together, is the New Normal. I'd like everyone to ponder these words for the future of Trinity Chapel. I already know that we are very fond of our community. Covid has certainly changed us since 2020. Also we sharing our community with St. Mark's in Westford. Trinity has many wonderful traditions and one of those of course is the monthly Community Forum. We also have various traditional fund raisers.

What I am trying to say is there new activities that we can create that will make us shine in the town of Shirley and elsewhere? What would you like to offer that would transform Trinity this year or next year that would be a new norm. A norm would be something that would we would be known for. How about a book study? How about a vacation bible study for kids in the summer?

Renew outside groups using Shepherd's Hall?

Let's all ponder the future. What are we wishing for in new normal? Let's have a all parish retreat day outdoors with a cookout and brainstorm what the post Pandemic Trinity Chapel will be.

Musings from Lyn

A request from Suzanne,

We will be having regular Sunday morning services at 11:00. We need volunteers to read the Prayers of the People, someone to read the lessons/psalm. In addition we could use a couple of greeters, too.



THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

JONATHAN OAKES, ALEX CORMIER, ANDREW CULLEN, DENNIS HARD, DUNCAN SCHAF, BRANDON HARSCH, TOM STRICKLER

Angie

Ann

Anderson, Ross (Marsha's step -uncle)

Belforte, Virginia (Nan's Sister)

Blackwell, Branden (Donna's grandson)

Bonnacolta, Patricia

Boyd, Jane

Carter, Mickie

Carter, Mikel

Connors, Margaret

Christy, Ann (Sharron)

Currier, Alan (Marsha's friend)

Dean, Susan

Desler, Ray (Sharron)

Donna, (mother of a friend of Mary Ellen's)

Fratoni, Elena (friend of Jean & Carol)

Glazer, Pam (friend of Lyn)

Gole, Bob

Gracey, Ariana (Jean Reed's granddaughter)

Gray, Marilyn (daughter of Fran Gray)

Gray, Martin (son of Fran Gray)

Gregoire, Mike

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Hoff, Chris (cancer friend of Stephanie's)

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Holly

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Katz, Emily (Covid) Sharron P

Landry, Ed

Leonard, Charlie

Lindsey, Jerry

Mattila, Melanie

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Moss, Willine (Covid)

Naugler, Christopher

Naugler, Cindy

Panetta Paul (Maureen's brother)

Panetta Mary (Maureen's niece)

Panetta, Maureen

Patton, Bob (Karen's brother-in-law)

Pellerin, Kerry (friend of Amy's who has M.S.)

Pothier, Mark (Sharron and Vince's son)

Reed, Izzy

Reed, Nicki

Richardson, Elaine

Rollins, Barbara (cousin of Karla & Karen)

Sarah, (grandchild of a friend of Jean's mother)

Schmidt, Keara (chorus member with Maureen)

Sanft, Judy (friend of Karen)

S, Joe

Vita, Marie (friend of Jean and Anita)

Z., Pat

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal 6:00PM	2 GOOD FRIDAY 12 NOON 3:00 PM	3 HOLY SATURDAY
4 TRINITY EASTER SERVICE 1:00 PM	5 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	6 9:00 PM Compline	7 9:00 PM Compline	8 9:00 PM Compline	9	10
11 Online Worship 10 AM	12 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	13 9:00 PM Compline	14 Community Forum 6:30 9:00 PM Compline	15 9:00 PM Compline	16	17
18 Holy Eucharist Outside 11:00 AM VESTRY 3:00 PM	19 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	20 9:00 PM Compline	21 Theology @ the (Virtual) Tavern 7 p.m. 9:00 PM Compline	22 9:00 PM Compline	23	24
25	26 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	27 9:00 PM Compline	28 9:00 PM Compline	29 9:00 PM Compline	30	