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VESTRY MEMBERS
SENIOR WARDEN: Lyn Doran,
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ASSISTANT TREASURER: Donna King
CLERK: Bill McKenna, Betty Mahon, Nancy Sawyer,
Marge Halloran, Sherley Thom. Jim Spall,
Nan Gulliver

JUNE 2021



The good people of Trinity Chapel would like to welcome you to our very exclusive annual and fun —

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL JUNE 26TH 10:00am to 2:00pm

The Trinity "Gang" are still planning the details, but you can plan on visiting a variety of tables and relaxing with some good food and friends and fine music.

- A book table
- A Raffle table
- A bake — sweet breads and non-sweet breads
- Fresh strawberry shortcakes for your enjoyment
- A plant table — find a young plant to add to your garden

Volunteers will be needed to set up and take down and be in charge of the cash box.

We will keep you posted when we finalize everything. We may also have music.

We need to be sensitive to the fact that we're not all at the same level of understanding in this. Some of you have spent your entire lives eating "idol meat," and are sure that there's something bad in the meat that then becomes something bad inside of you. An imagination and conscience shaped under those conditions isn't going to change overnight.... Christ gave up his life for that person. Wouldn't you at least be willing to give up going to dinner for him—because, as you say, it doesn't really make any difference? But it does make a difference if you hurt your friend terribly, risking his eternal ruin! When you hurt your friend, you hurt Christ.

(1 Corinthians 8:7b, 11-13, The Message translation.)

After more than a year, news about the pandemic in the United States is finally more good than bad. The COVID-19 vaccines now widely available have proven to be remarkably effective in preventing serious illness and death, and to a large extent, transmission of the virus. As a result, our governor and our bishops have begun lifting the restrictions we have been living and worshipping under for more than a year. Last week's guidelines from our Diocese give us permission to have coffee hours and other events with food, to sing together in worship, to gather indoors, and even, for the vaccinated, to go without masks.

First, a moment of gratitude for the knowledge and hard work of those who brought us the vaccine. At the beginning of the pandemic, Bishop Alan spoke of science as an expression of Divine Wisdom, and in this moment, it is appropriate for us to celebrate God's work in and through the scientists who developed the vaccine in record time and the health care workers who have worked tirelessly to make it available to all. Prayers answered should always be met with praise and thanksgiving to God, so we will set aside time to do so on Sunday, June 27, at the 11 a.m. service. I also invite you to bring a small gift of gratitude that day to support the work of Episcopal Relief & Development in hard-hit communities in India and elsewhere where the virus is still spreading out of control.

Second, a plea for patience. We have all eagerly awaited the day that things could return to normal, but even as we reach this moment, we find ourselves at different stages in the journey. While most people at Trinity have been fully vaccinated, we know not everyone is, chief among them children under 12, who do not yet qualify for the vaccine. In addition, while most people are fully protected by the vaccine, those whose immune systems are compromised by illness or age sometimes do not enjoy the same robust protection. And even among those who are fully protected, not everyone is ready to abandon the precautions that have kept us alive and healthy for the last year and a half.

So we will take our time in returning to normal. We will continue to meet outdoors this summer, enjoying the beauty of the natural setting we have been blessed with and providing an extra layer of safety for those who might still be at risk. While we will no longer require face masks outdoors, I will continue to wear mine when I interact with others for their comfort and safety, and we will be supportive of anyone who chooses to do the same. Indoors, face masks will still be required, especially when a group is gathered where we do not know everyone's vaccination status. We will also continue to offer an online service of Morning Prayer in conjunction with St. Mark's for anyone not yet ready to regather in person.

Suzanne's Message continued:

With those precautions, however, we will also immediately return to some much-missed parts of our common life – the choir can begin practicing again, coffee hour can once again include coffee, and we can use individual cups to offer consecrated wine at communion. Masks will not be required at outdoor worship, so we will be able to see one another's smiles again. If it rains, we'll hold worship indoors rather than cancelling.

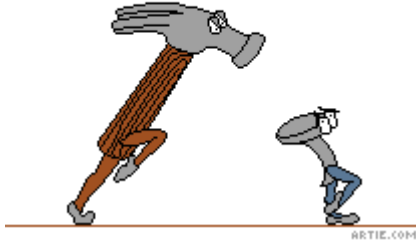
Some may wonder why we are not immediately embracing our full freedom to gather without restrictions. The answer can be found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul was asked to weigh in on a debate in that community that was every bit as fraught as our own arguments over facemasks and vaccines. Partisans staked out righteous territory on both sides, and Paul was asked to resolve the argument. His response was that, while there was certainly a right answer to the question of whether Christians could eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols, the more important principle was love of neighbor and care and concern for those who were not yet able to embrace that answer. In our own circumstances, that means going slow and making sure we honor the need for as much safety as possible even as we reclaim some of the gifts of in-person worship.

When the vestry meets on June 21, we'll review these decisions, and we'll continue to assess and consider what levels of safety are needed as we move through the summer and into the fall. But in all of this, we will seek to be a community characterized by the fruits of the Spirit –love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. And we will give thanks to God for getting us this far, and for staying with us as we finish the journey.

Suzanne

Minutes from Rectory Restoration Fund Meeting,

Friday, May 7th



Present were: Nancy Shepherd; Meredith Marcinkewicz; Karla Leonard; Jean Reed; Chet Hooper; and Stephanie Hooper Lyn Doran, Nan Gulliver, absent

Our first item of business was to review items we discussed two weeks ago at the last Rectory meeting.

1. We noted that the railings by the two front doors and by the side of the bottom stone steps at the rectory have been installed. The \$7000.00 for the complete job has now been paid for out of the Rectory Fund. Nan Gulliver has talked to Bret's wife, Shawn, about landscaping by the front doors with plants Nan will supply. Nah has offered to provide lilies and Hostas. Shawn would like to help plant. Jim Spall will be consulted, also, about the plants to use.
2. The contract has been signed with Guthrie Brothers to upgrade and level the parking lot and rectory driveway with appropriate large stones. The cost of \$1,800 has been approved by the vestry. Guthrie Brothers will also be cutting the lawn regularly.
3. The steps and porch outside Shepherd Hall have been painted by Bill Lombardi and paid for by Stephanie and Chet. Montachusets Pest control will bait Shepherd Hall and the rectory to get rid of the mice on Tuesday, May 18th. Stephanie and Chet will pay for this service.
4. At the next rectory meeting, May 21st, Meredith will be reporting about the projects Bret has completed from the list we have given him.
5. Fred Shoemaker will be installing the gutters and downspout at the rectory any day. He has been ill.

Jean Reed spoke about ways to solve the problems of ticks which were found at the last outdoor Sunday service. We discussed providing tick spray and hand sanitizers, which parishioners can use as they first arrive for the service. We also have asked Guthrie Brothers to continue to keep the grass short to help prevent ticks from living in it.

Jean next discussed the status of the Capital Campaign. It was agreed that the vestry would vote on whether to upgrade the website to make it more efficient for Capital Campaign work. The cost would be \$100.00 for a year.

Jean has made color copies of the ASK letter and put the letter on the website. Color copies have also been left on the table in the vestibule.

Nancy Shepherd will be sending the annual check, soon, from the Fieldstone Foundation to Trinity to continue to pay off the mortgage on the rectory. Nancy will also be sending a check to the Trinity Restoration Fund. (May 17th, Nancy has now sent these two checks.)

Lyn asked questions about how to send contributions to the Restoration Fund, using the Tithely link. She wondered if a password were needed.

Donna will ask Nancy Shepherd for the names of people who have contributed to the Restoration Fund, so that she, Donna, can write a thank-you note to these contributors.

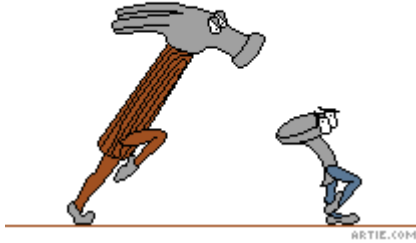
The next rectory meeting will be Friday, May 21st at 9 am.

Respectively submitted.

Stephanie Hooper

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Present were: Nancy Shepherd; Karla Leonard; Jean Reed; Chet Hooper; and Stephanie Hooper; Nan Gulliver. Meredith Marcinkewicz absent.

We began the meeting with Meredith's update on the work that Bret has done since our last meeting .

1. Bret reported that he and Shawn have been cleaning Shepherd Hall and the chapel and also emptying the garbage each week.
2. Bret has been setting out the chairs, tables, keyboard and microphone each week to prepare for Sunday morning worship. Dave Thom and helpers have organized the clean-up after the service.
3. Bret said that he could spray the yard each Sunday to get rid of ticks. However, we decided that having individual cans of spray available for parishioners to use as they came in would work better. Yard sprays are more likely to have chemicals in them, harmful to animals.
4. Bret has been knocking down the old shed at the side of the rectory and preparing to put the debris from the shed and the yard into a large rented 30 ton dumpster. (Note- We compared prices from three dumpster rental companies and found that G. W. Shaw and Co. from New Hampshire would charge \$595.00 to rent a 30 ton dumpster for two weeks. This price was much cheaper than the price that other researched companies would charge. The Vestry approved this expenditure. The dumpster is to be delivered to the Chapel parking lot today, May 27th.)

We proceeded to discuss the status of future projects, all contingent on the money we raise through the Trinity Restoration Campaign.

1. Helen Daly had suggested that we get three different bids and ideas about how best to upgrade the rectory kitchen. Karla Leonard volunteered to contact a kitchen expert, and Nancy Shepherd volunteered to contact Robert Adam, an expert in restoring historical places. (Note- Meredith Marcinkewicz later told Nancy Shepherd that she would be glad to help Nancy by contacting Robert Adam .) It was agreed that we would discuss these findings at our next rectory meeting in two weeks.
2. Stephanie and Chet will contact McKenzie Engineering, the company which had given us a report a few years ago on the structural situation at the rectory, and ask them to come back to reassess the current situation at the rectory (Note- I will also send to the rectory committee a report on the condition of the outside of the house that Robert Adam had given Henry Hoecker and me three years when we three walked around the house together.)
3. Our guiding principle is to make the rectory safe and comfortable, remembering that this is an historic building.
4. We are talking about landscaping the front of the rectory, especially by the front doors. Nan Gulliver has talked to Shawn, Bret's wife , about planting by the front doors. Shawn has said she would like to help. Nan and Nancy Shepherd will work on this project. (Note- Jim Spall will also look at the areas to be landscaped and will share his thoughts.)
5. Fred Shoemake, who will be installing a gutter and down spout, has been ill but promises he will do this soon.(Note, Fred has just called me and said he will be installing the gutter and downspout this coming Saturday or Tuesday.)
6. Stephanie and Chet have talked to Montachusets Pest Control who will be putting mice bait outside the Chapel soon. (Note- the bait has now been put around the chapel and will be put outside the rectory, soon. The exterminator will also check inside the barn for evidence of post beetles, which Henry Hoecker had noticed.)
7. We want to restore the chimney connection to the wood burning stove in the dining room, when we have available money.
8. Karla and Chet offered to help split and stack the wood in front of the rectory, which is from a large tree, recently taken down.

Stephanie will call Bret to find out the status of the new front door knob. (note- Bret has now installed an antique door knob.)

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Rectory Renovation Fund minutes con't

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Jean updated the committee about the Restoration Capital Fund and noted that we have now raised \$8800. (Note- Jean is going to contact The Rev Ed Cardoza from the Diocese to ask for his expertise in helping us raise money for the campaign.) Nancy Sawyer is not able to write the ASK thank-you letters because she is recovering from surgery, but Marge Halloran has agreed to write the ASK thank you letters. Also, Sherley Thom has told Jean she will be able to help more with the campaign once Sherley's school year has ended. Jean will reach out again to Sherley after the third week in June.

The next meeting of the Rectory Committee will be. Friday, June 4th at 9 am.

Respectively submitted ,

Stephanie Hooper

Musings from the pew

Jean Read writes:

What a Joy

What a joy it has been to return to outdoor service and see my old friends from Trinity in the real! No longer trapped by celluloid screens (tablets and displays). Thank goodness we have electronics, right? It's so much fun to worship together again and see one another. Each week a new group returns for the first. I wait in anticipation for others to join us. I wait in anticipation to grow as I know we will.

I am comforted by the sound of music as Meredith continues to lead our Choir and each of us in the congregation. I see warm hearts through warm eyes as sometimes we are masked and sometimes even not! We will comfort one another as we have lost people in our midst; and we will help each other grieve with love and compassion. Soon enough, we will share the common coffee time and the Strawberry Festival and a BBQ at Fort Pond (thanks to Chet and Stephanie)

We will give thanks that that we survived and our Trinity community survived and indeed found ways to thrive.

We have raised money made concrete investments in the Rectory and in Shepherd's Hall.

We have done outreach ministry and meetings with St. Mark's; and enjoyed Rev. Suzanne's sermons each Sunday.

Love is our future and together we will envision what that means.

Have a beautiful June. It will be "popping out all over!"

Joy, Peace and Comfort

Vestry Agenda from May 16th

1. Review and approve minutes from April 19th meeting
2. Review and affirm email votes from April / May
 - A. Parochial Report
 - B. Parking Lot improvement project
3. Trinity Chapel Restoration Fund Update
4. Rectory Committee Report
5. Finance Report
6. Requests for new spending:
 - A. Purchase Website upgrade software subscription
 - B. Reimburse St. Marks for Trinity bulletin printing
7. Strawberry Festival
8. Communication updates
 - A. Newsletter vs weekly email news?
 - B. Updated directory now available
9. Follow up from Joint Vestry Meeting with St. Marks
10. Summer worship plan and COVID update.

From Nancy Shepherd: Pastoral Care, Strawberry Festival & Common Cathedral

Dear Trinity Folks, Here are a few updates on how folks at Trinity Chapel are doing. Nancy Sawyer came from Emerson Hospital on May 27th. She is feeling gradually better. Her knee was postponed until a future date. She had surgery on her hip. Her son, Aaron will be in town until this Sunday May 30. She will be ready to have visit, or food or rides. Please call ahead to find out how you can help.

Mike Halloran has been having gradual healing but has trouble swallowing. I'm sure your prayers and notes would be very appreciated.

Lyn Doran's shoulder also gradually healing.

Finally, Jerry Lindsay is also better and he and Randy would enjoy a note or an email.

The Strawberry Festival is June 26th. Donna King and Lyn Doran are in charge. I am pleased to have a plant table once again this year. If you want to donate a plant please place them on the inside of the stone wall before the festival. I would love some helpers that day.

Common Cathedral. I have talked with the folks at the Common Cathedral about our participation this year. We will be able to bring food and attend the Service this year, if we choose. I have talked with Suzanne, and we have decided the best day to go will be September 12th, if the Vestry agrees.

Flowers for church from your garden or elsewhere are always welcome.

From Chet Hooper We have received donations of \$9,761.95. That figure added to the Wexelblat bequest of \$15,000 totals \$24,761.95. We have spent \$11,829.67 which leaves \$12,932.28 in Restoration Fund.



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)

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)

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Hoff, Chris (cancer friend of Stephanie's)

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Holly

India—Covid

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Landry, Ed

Leonard, Charlie

Lindsey, Jerry

Mattila, Melanie

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Moss, Willine (Covid)

Naugler, Christopher

Naugler, Cindy

Naugler, James

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)

Phil (friend of Nancy Sawyer)

Reed, Izzy

Reed, Nicki

Richardson, Elaine

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

Schmidt, Keara (chorus member with Maureen)

Sanft, Judy (friend of Karen)

Sawyer, Nancy (recovering from surgery)

Stetson (Jean Reed)

Sullivan, Paul (Karen's cousin's son)

S, Joe

Vita, Marie (friend of Jean and Anita)

Z., Pat

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 St. Mark's Soup Kitchen	3	4	5
6 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour 5:00 PM	7 Book Study Rev. Suzanne 7:30	8	9	10	11	12
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Lyn Doran, Editor

doranlyn2@gmail — we will not have a newsletter until September but will always keep you informed

