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VESTRY MEMBERS
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Marge Halloran, Sherley Thom. Jim Spall,
Nan Gulliver

OCTOBER 2021

IT'S OFFICIALLY FALL Back to Busy Days

Here are some important days to add to your calendars

Friday, October 1st :

9:00 am Next meeting of Rectory Restoration committee
12:30 pm Lunch on the lawn—Lyn Doran, greeter

Saturday, October 2nd:

8:00 am Town-Wide Yard Sale
9:30 am Trinity's Apple Fest
Bake Table
Fresh Apple Crisp
Music with Emilie Faucher's Band

Sunday, October 3rd—Blessing of the Animals

11:00 am Holy Eucharist outdoors weather permitting.

Monday, October 4th

3:30 Fund Raising Committee—Jean Reed

Sunday, October 10th

12:30—2:30 pm Shaker Tour—Meredith Marcindiewz, Curator SHS

Thursday, October 14

7:30 pm — Community Forum
(see pg 2)

Sunday, October 17

10:00 am Trinity Chapel & St. Mark's
Holy Eucharist, Lunch & "Knowing your
Gifts". Grotonwood Retreat Center, Groton
All are welcome. Cost \$27



Trinity Chapel Community Forum
with Senator Jamie Eldridge
Thursday, October 14th at 7:30 pm



Prison Reform and
the Current State of Our Prisons

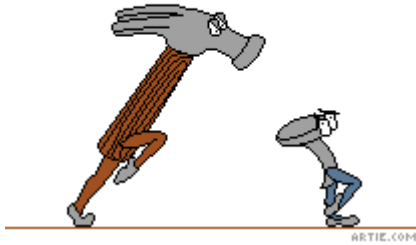
Register for the zoom link at
<https://trinitychapelshirleycenter.org/>

Minutes from Rectory Restoration Meeting,

SEPTEMBER 10

Present: Nancy Shepherd, Karla Leonard, Nan Gulliver, Lyn Doran, Chet Hooper, and Stephanie Hooper

Absent: Jean Reed, Meredith Marcinkewicz



Stephanie began the meeting with a report from Robert Adams about the condition of the old part of the rectory. Mark Davidson, under the tutelage of Robert Adams, has opened up the outside kitchen wall and found that the outside wall to the right of the kitchen door is in bad shape. His comment was "it is like opening up a cancer patient and finding so much more." The problems are a result of short cuts over many generations. Although Mark can't repair the one frame board which is rotting, he can secure it by repairing the entire back kitchen wall. The most cost-effective way to repair this wall is:

- 1) Take all the boards off and insulate the wall
- 2) Close the area all up with new sheathing from Farnsworth Lumber
- 3) Put clapboard lumber over this. The lumber he is hoping to use is a sustainable wood product which is pretreated to arrest any further deterioration. This wood would be 1/3 of the cost and comes primed.

Robert estimates that the cost for materials and labor will be around \$15,000.00, but this is only a rough calculation.

Some of the windowsills will have to be repaired, and then the house can be painted. We have an estimate from the painter, Bill Lombardi who previously painted Shepherd Hall, that the cost for painting the rectory would be about \$13,000.00.

We have almost enough money in the Rectory Fund to pay for the work Robert Adam and Mark Davidson will have done to fix the back wall, but we need to raise funds for repairing the windowsills and for painting the rectory.

Mark can work only a few more weeks and then hopefully after he begins another Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday job, he might be able to work for us Monday and Fridays.

Stephanie mentioned that Mark has only been charging \$25 an hour, which is a real gift to us.

Stephanie talked to the rectory committee about giving Robert Adams and Mark a thank-you present in appreciation for all they have done for us. The committee agreed that a copy of Bret's photo of Trinity Chapel Illuminated at Night would be an appropriate gift. Stephanie will contact Bret about this idea.

The Dumpster-

Chet reminded us that we originally paid \$ 595 to rent a dumpster for several weeks. Bret had said he would fill the dumpster with debris from the disassembled old studio, but after 70 days, he still had not filled the dumpster with all the debris . We agreed to tell Bret that we expected him to fill the dumpster with the rest of the debris by the weekend and then arrange to have the dumpster taken away. We next want him to order a new dumpster for Mark to use and into which Bret can put the rest of the debris from other parts of the yard. (Please note- Bret did fill

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the dumpster and also reimbursed Trinity Chapel for \$300 out of the \$350 extra we had to pay for the longer rental of the dumpster.)

The Restoration Campaign-

Jean Read was not able to attend the meeting, but she sent to each of us on the committee, a summary of the progress of the campaign. In this letter, she mentioned that she had emailed the two expert Fund raisers, whose names Helen Daley had given us but has not heard from them. Jean will telephone these people in about a week.

Our committee spoke about the possibility of contacting local businesses for money for the Restoration Campaign. The Bull Run was mentioned as a possible contributor. Chet and Stephanie agreed to contact Allison Tocci at the Bull Run. We also talked about maybe contacting Groton School, with which Trinity Chapel was connected in the early days. Nancy Shepherd will work with Meredith about getting in touch with a family who used to go to Trinity Chapel and whose son went to Groton School.

We realized too that we needed to put together a booklet about the historical significance of the rectory. This booklet could help attract potential contributors. Nan and Debbie Hamilton might be able to work together on this special booklet. Nancy Shepherd will contact Debbie Hamilton.

Lyn spoke about the need maybe for a Campaign Fund Raising event .

Chet reminded us that our operating budget is doing well, but that we need more money for our Restoration Fund.

Nancy asked for an accounting of what we had spent on the rectory so far. Chet commented that we had spent about \$16, 400., \$15,000 of which came from the Wexellblat Memorial Fund . Nancy will tell Paul Wexellblat about this very helpful gift.

Our next rectory committee meeting will be Friday, October 1st at 9 am.

Respectively Submitted,

Stephanie Hooper

Rectory Reconstruction Updates



THE RESTORATION PROJECT AT THE TRINITY CHAPEL RECTORY

Notes by Stephanie Hooper

Photo by Chet Hooper

The Trinity Chapel project to restore the rectory and make it safe and secure for the Trinity Chapel minister to live in began in the Fall of 2020. With the \$15,000.00 which was left to Trinity in honor of Gray Wexelblat , we began to make necessary repairs. Under the leadership of Jean Read and her team, a Restoration Capital Fund Drive has so far raised an additional \$9994.95.

Our rectory restoration project included:

1. Rebuilding the front walkway and steps and adding railings along the lower front steps and at the two main front doors. (Farjardo Landscaping- \$7,000.00)
2. Updating the electricity inside the house and bringing it up to code.(Mitchell J. Tine Electrician- \$1,2,05.00).
- 3.. Installing a Simpli Safe alarm system and smoke and CO2 detectors (Rev Suzanne has been paying monthly for this.)
4. Installing an antique door handle and lock at the main front door (\$95. 00)
5. Installing a stainless liner for the furnace flu.(On Duty Chimney Service and Stove, LLC- Note , we still need to install a stainless steel liner in the flu for the wood burning stove. The stove is now disconnected for safety reasons. This will cost an additional \$ 3,750.00).
6. Installing a gutter and downspout over the front porch. (Fred Shoemaker- \$ 600.00)

7. Grading and spreading gravel on the parking area and rectory driveway- (Guthrie Brothers- \$ 1800.00)
8. Renting three dumpsters in which to put the remnants of the dilapidated studio from in the back of the rectory and discarded building materials from rebuilding the back of the rectory. We have paid G.W.Shaw and Son- # 645.00 for the first dumpster and need to pay for the second and third dumpster once Bret and Mark have filled the third.)

Bret Bahe and his wife, Shawn, have been living in the rectory since the Fall in exchange for acting as Sexton at the Chapel, where he cleans the bathrooms, Shepherd Hall and the Chapel each week, helps set up for the Sunday services, and does continual repairs both at the Chapel and at the rectory.

1. At the rectory, Bret and his wife have done a major clean -up and have painted the floors in the kitchen, great room and living room, (Marsha's former study). Bret has also used his tractor to remove all the vegetation next to the back of the rectory, so Mark Davidson can reach the back wall and repair it.
2. Bret has taken down the dilapidated old studio in the back of the house.
3. Bret has filled two dumpsters with all the debris from the studio and is in the process of filling the third dumpster with the rest of the debris lying around the yard.
4. Bret will be installing the lights outside the Chapel, which Betty Mahon has purchased.
5. Bret will be repairing the small wooden cross, which had been on top of the main Chapel entrance door.

Bret is continuing to work on repairs both at the church and rectory, while he and his wife wait to move into the house they are building in Fitchburg.

Our rectory restoration focus since the Spring has been to repair and replace the damaged wood on the outside back area of the rectory. We have been very fortunate that Mark Davidson, a recent graduate from the North Bennet School of Restoration Carpentry, has agreed to work on restoring the old 18th century area behind the rectory kitchen and dining room. Mark has said that he felt privileged to be able to work closely there under the guidance of renowned restoration carpenter, Robert Adam. Mark has only been charging us \$25 an hour, and we have paid Mark \$1,105.88 for all the work he has done so far.

1. Mark Davidson has removed the old wood in the area behind the dining room and kitchen, some of which was in terrible shape because , according to Robert Adam , it had suffered "from too many bad repairs over several generations of people living there."
2. Mark has put up new wood in the whole area, in which he had removed the original wood.

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3. Mark next installed insulation over the new wood.
4. Mark is now in the process of putting sheathing on top of the insulation
5. Mark and Robert Adam are milling wood for trim over the windows and door in areas where they had to remove the trim
6. Mark will then put tar paper over the whole area.
7. Finally, Mark will nail a special type of clapboard over this, which is made from pretreated sustainable wood product and costs about a third of what other types of wood would cost.

The total cost of the major project will be around \$13,000. We have almost enough money in the Restoration Fund so far to cover most of this bill.

We next have to raise the money for painting the entire house, hopefully before the onset of winter. We have an estimate of \$13,000 to prepare and paint the house from Bill Lombardi, the painter who has previously painted areas in the Chapel and rectory.



A Contemplation to slow our Busy Days

Here are a some words of wisdom from Father Richard Rohr that I pulled from one of his daily meditations.

Contemplation Creates Compassion

A practice of contemplation is one of the surest ways to develop the virtue of compassion—for both ourselves and others. Father Richard speaks to how this loving gaze is developed between ourselves and God.

Much of the early work of contemplation is discovering a way to observe ourselves from a compassionate and nonjudgmental distance until we can eventually live more and more of our lives from this calm inner awareness and acceptance. In a contemplative stance, we find ourselves smiling, sighing, and weeping at ourselves, much more than needing either to hate or to congratulate ourselves—because we are finally looking at ourselves with the eyes of God.

Actually, what is happening is we are letting God gaze at us, in the way only God can gaze—with infinite mercy, love, and compassion. God initiates a positive gaze, which now goes in both directions. Unfortunately, we seldom allow that to happen. Decades ago, Matthew Fox identified what it has cost us and the universe to have lost this mutually loving gaze with God. I believe it is even more true of the world today. Fox writes:

Compassion is everywhere. Compassion is the world's richest energy source. Now that the world is a global village we need compassion more than ever—not for altruism's sake, nor for philosophy's sake or theology's sake, but for survival's sake.

And yet, in human history of late, compassion remains an energy source that goes largely unexplored, untapped and unwanted. Compassion appears very far away and almost in exile. Whatever propensities the human cave dweller once had for violence instead of compassion seem to have increased geometrically with the onslaught of industrial society. The exile of compassion is evident everywhere. . . .

In acquiescing in compassion's exile, we are surrendering the fullness of nature and of human nature, for we, like all creatures in the cosmos, are compassionate creatures. All persons are compassionate at least potentially. What we all share today is that we are victims of compassion's exile. The difference between persons and groups of persons is not that some are victims and some are not: we are all victims and all dying from lack of compassion; we are all surrendering our humanity together. [1]

As we receive God's compassionate gaze in contemplation, all negative energy and motivation is slowly exposed and will eventually fall away as counter-productive and useless. There will be no mistrust, fear, or negativity in either direction! If we resort to any form of shaming ourselves, we will slip back into defense, denial, and overcompensation. We will not be able to "know as fully as we are known" (see 1 Corinthians 13:12).

But if we can connect with the Indwelling Presence, where the "Spirit bears common witness with our spirit" (see Romans 8:16), it can and will change our lives! This mutually loving gaze is always initiated by God and grace. Once you learn to rest there, nothing less will ever satisfy you. This is foundational.



THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

JONATHAN OAKES, ALEX CORMIER, ANDREW CULLEN, DENNIS HARD, DUNCAN SCHAF, BRANDON HARSCH, AIDAN CANFIELD.

Angie

Ann

Anderson, Ross

Branden (Donna's grandson)

Bonnacolta, Patricia

Boyd, Jane

Carter, Mickie

Carter, Mikel

Connors, Margaret

Cristy, Ann

Dean, Susan

Desler, Ray (Sharron)

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)

Halloran, Mike and Marge

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Holly

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Leonard, Charlie & Jim

Mahon, Betty

McKenna, Bill

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Naugler, Christopher

Naugler, Cindy

Naugler, James

Panetta Paul (Maureen's brother)

Panetta Mary (Maureen's niece)

Panetta, Maureen

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

Pothier, Mark (Sharron and Vince's son)

Phil (friend of Nancy Sawyer)

Ray and Marge

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)

Stacks, Wendy, (Nan's Daughter) @ Stires, Henry

Stetson (Jean Reed)

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

Sutton, Joe S

October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Senater	James	Eldridge	On	Zoom	
				30 Sept Pastoral Care 10:00 Meeting	1 Rectory Mtg 9:00 Brown Bag Lunch 12:30 Lyn Set up for Apple Fest	2 APPLE FEST BE- GINS 9:30—2:30 
3 11:00 AM St Francis Day Blessing of our Animals	4 Fund Raising Committee 3:30	5	6 St. Mark's Soup Kitchen Trinity Salad Donations	7	8 Bag Lunch Rev Suzanne	9
10 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist <i>Common Cathedral Boston</i>	11	12	13	14 7:30 pm Trinity Community Forum On Zoom	15 Bag Lunch Jean	16
17 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Retreat Grotonwood	18	19	20	21	22 Bag Lunch Nan Gulliver	23
24 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Next Vestry Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 All Saints Sunday	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5	6