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FROM THE WARDENS' DESK:

At last! We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert Clements as our new vicar. Rob comes to us, as he did when he served Trinity as our interim in 1998-9, the first week of Advent, which is also the first week of the church year.

Please help Rob in these first weeks and months by wearing your name tag! Rob will be at Trinity 4 1/2 days each week, and for December plans to be in the office on Thursdays from 10 am—1 pm or by appointment. He can be reached at 860-485-8153 when not at Trinity. His email at Trinity will be vicar@trinitylimerock.org.

We are excited about our ministry in the Lime Rock and Lakeville area under Rob's leadership, and we hope that parishioners will be forthcoming with their ideas for Trinity's future.

As your wardens, we want to thank each of you for the support, care, and encouragement you have offered us during the last year. We particularly want to thank Danielle, Christine, and our ever patient spouses, John and Al, for their readiness to help out whenever we asked them for "up and beyond the call" help. We couldn't have done it without you!

Faithfully,

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden
Alexis Dorf, Junior Warden

Ever living God, strengthen and sustain Rob, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together (we) may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you (our) gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY



We will mark, as always, the first three Sundays of Advent, and on Dec. 17, after the 10:30 service, we will green the church. This is a big undertaking, and many hands are needed to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas and Epiphany. Please plan to stay after the coffee hour that week to help out the altar guild and flower committee!



Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the 64th Annual Christmas pageant will be presented during the 10:30 am service on Dec. 24. **There will be no children's service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.**

The evening service will begin with carols for Christmas Eve at 9:30 pm followed by the celebration of our Lord's Nativity with Holy Eucharist at 10 pm.

We will celebrate Holy Eucharist again on Christmas Day at 9 am.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



A donation for Christmas flowers at Trinity is a meaningful way to honor or remember family, friends and loved ones. Checks should be made out to Trinity with **Christmas flowers** noted on the memo line so that your gift will be credited to the appropriate line in our budget!

If you wish to have someone named in the Book of Remembrance, please send that information to Danielle in the office no later than Dec. 19. The office email address is trinity@trinitylimerock.org and the office phone is 860-435-2627.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



Each year we undertake a Christmas outreach program of giving gifts to families who are unable to provide as they would like to for their children. You will find red and green tags on the bulletin board outside the vicar's office (where the name tags are) noting a child's needs or wishes. Please take one tag and make a little one's Christmas a day of surprise and wonder! Gifts should be returned to Trinity no later than Dec. 17. **Please include the original green or red tag on your gift so that it may be sent to the appropriate family.**

Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me. Matthew 25:40

PAGEANT REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Pageant director **Geoff Brown** has announced that rehearsals will take place each Saturday in December at 2 pm. The final rehearsal will be on Dec. 24 at 9:15 am.

We can always make room for more angels, shepherds and animals, and Geoff can add speaking roles as well to the script, depending on how many young people wish to participate. Please contact Geoff at geoff@betweenthe lakes.com or at 860-824-0640 for more information.

Please remind friends and family members that the pageant is presented as part of a worship service, and that flash photography is not permitted during the liturgy. "Photo ops" will be provided before the service begins.



IN BRIEF...

Sequoia Elizabeth Wyman Barbour, daughter of **Micaela and Jamie Barbour** and granddaughter of **Al and Alexis Dorf**, was born Nov. 9 in New Hampshire.

On Nov. 19 We welcomed into the household of faith **Amber Neala Ramcharran**, daughter of **Toneisha and Troy**, sister of **Grace**, and granddaughter of **Norma Wright**.

Marge Bethke turns 100 on Dec. 12!! We will celebrate Marge at the coffee hour on Dec. 10.

Trudy Washburn and **Mary Kaufholz** recently marked their 50th and 53rd years at Trinity. That is over 100 years of service to our faith community. These ladies have set the bar high for the rest of us!

Our Trinity Summer Soccer players are in the news! **Courtney Duntz** played for both the undefeated North Canaan (Region 1) team as well as County Championship winner North Canaan Recreational Soccer. Courtney scored for both teams.

Hayley Kozlowski “played up” on the U-12 Falls Village Rec Soccer, despite being only 8 years old—quite an accomplishment, Hailey!

Rachel Kirby and **Jesse Ricciardelli** both played for Salisbury Central, which finished second in the league.

Ronan Cooke’s Pelham, NY Rec League team finished their season 2-0-5. Ronan was also a scorer for his team.

Maddie Miller played in her school league in Dutchess County, NY and moved up from defense to forward during the season.

Christopher Kirby played for the Berkshire United U-10 Boys team.

Way to go, soccer players!



Thanks to all those who participated in our “Feed a Family of Four for a Day” Thanksgiving grocery collection for the OWLs Kitchen! Thirty bags of food were transported by **John and Linda Lloyd** to the food pantry in time for Thanksgiving distribution.



Thanks also to our acolytes and junior ushers! **Anya and Slava Browning, Courtney Duntz, Hailey Kozlowski, Rachel Kirby and Maddie Miller** have done a wonderful job both on the altar and “in back”, thus enriching our worship services in a special way.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE!



If you are the head of a committee, please submit at your earliest convenience (preferably by email) your annual report to Danielle in the office. The Annual Meeting will be held Jan. 28 (inclement weather date Feb. 4) and Danielle will need to collate all those materials well ahead of time.

FROM THE TREASURER’S OFFICE

With the coming of our part time vicar, our expenses will again increase. Given that we have had no fundraisers at Trinity this year, the Wardens and treasurer would like to recommend that we each consider an additional gift to Trinity in the amount that we would have spent at a benefit. Thank you!

THOUGHTS FROM THE TRACTOR



My thoughts most recently have centered on the birth of our first granddaughter, Sequoia. For Micaela, it was the fruition of nine months of wonder at the way her body knew how to build a baby. For me, it was a satisfying bringing round of the life cycle—daughter of my daughter, flesh of my flesh, a completion, a wholeness.

I was privileged to attend Sequoia's birth in New Hampshire, and since I was neither doing the birthing myself nor providing professional support to the mother as I have done in the past, I had time to reflect on an event which is simultaneously ordinary (women have babies every day, everywhere) and extraordinary (a new life! A whole new person who has never before existed!)

Both mother and baby work hard during the birth process, and no matter how much care and encouragement is offered, the woman who labors, labors alone. Only she can do the work that needs doing, only she can bring forth that new life. It is indeed a holy moment, and one in which an observer can only stand in both awe and reverence.

As I looked at Sequoia, red and wrinkled, wet and glistening, yet to take her first breath, I thought about the many breaths she will take throughout her life, and about the many births—and deaths—of wishes, dreams and relationships she will experience.

Already a child of God at her birth, we will welcome Sequoia into the household of faith at her baptism and will take, on her behalf, vows binding her to the community of saints, that "cloud of witnesses" who have preceded her.

It is my prayer that Sequoia, and all of us, may grow into those vows, and by doing so, become the people that God intends for us to be.



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