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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

Last Tuesday evening it was still warm and sunny at 6:00 PM when the vestry gathered for a rare weekday meeting. Because of scheduling conflicts we had decided that rather than not meet at all in June, we would move the meeting to a time that most people could attend. We had dinner of salad and pizza and fruit, and began our meeting with Bible Study and a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of the vestry. That may not sound like very fun stuff to talk about on a summery evening in June, but it is our belief that to the best of our abilities, we need to understand what we as a vestry should do, and how we can go about it most efficiently.



The scripture on which we reflected was this:

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men (people).”

Matthew 4:19

One of the themes that came up consistently from our discussion is communication. We realized that we could do a better job of communicating with the rest of the parish who we are, what we are working on. We want to be readily identifiable and available for people to bring their concerns and comments. But communication is a two way street. We cannot know what is important to you if you do not communicate with us. So, I ask you too, to help with communication.

Geoff Brown already does a bang- up job as Clerk of the Vestry. The minutes are posted on the website usu-

ally the same day or the day following our meetings. I have never attended or worked at a church that has such an efficient and timely way of communicating vestry meetings to the rest of the parish!

But we all know that there aren't too many people who actually go online to read the minutes. If you haven't ever read the minutes of our vestry meetings why don't you try doing so? But, otherwise, if you are at coffee hour and want to know what is going on with a particular issue, find a vestry member and let him or her know about how you think things are going at Trinity Church; what we do well, and what could use some improvement.

The vestry is going to make a more concerted effort to wear name tags at coffee hour so that you know who to speak to if you have a concern (or a compliment!) to bring to the vestry. On our website you will also find the name and photo of each of the vestry members so that you know who we all are.

I want to thank the Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer and each vestry member for their dedication to our church, and for the work they have done, and continue to do for Trinity.
Next time you are in church, find a vestry member and say thanks!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Heidi

FACELIFT UPDATE

Thanks to the donations of many parishioners, we have passed the \$19,000 mark in our efforts to reach our \$25,000 goal by the end of summer. So far, a dead tree has been removed and some

necessary arboreal trimming completed, the on-demand hot water heaters have been installed in the kitchen and new bathrooms, and hardware has been donated for the repair of the handicapped ramp adjacent to the porte cochère.

Repair of the slate roof is scheduled to begin in late summer, and the plastering of portions of the inside of the nave and repainting as necessary both inside and outside is yet to come. Reinforcement of the pews is scheduled as well.

If you have not yet made your gift towards Mother Trinity's facelift (after 135 years, age does begin to show!), please do so this summer. We would like to complete this necessary "buildings and grounds" project and free up our energies and attention for other aspects of Trinity's ministry in the community!

THANKS, LYNN!

Many thanks to parishioner Lynn Gaffney, AIA, for her design of the new Trinity logo! We will be seeing it in all communications and advertising as we work to increase our visibility in the community. The picture comes from a photo of Trinity shortly after its completion—notice the lack of landscaping!



TRINITY CHURCH OFFERS COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY

FIREWORKS!



It's BYOBBQ (Bring Your Own BBQ) night at Trinity Saturday, July 3 at 6 pm. The grills will be available for those who want to grill their picnics—you are your chef this evening!

Please bring your own picnic fare and perhaps something for the sharing table if you are so inclined. As always, friends and neighbors are invited to enjoy the best viewing spot in the neighborhood for the fireworks display provided at Lime Rock Park. Trinity will make a donation to the Rotary Club group in appreciation for their efforts this evening.

FOOD FOR ALL



With the plethora of wonderful foods available from our gardens and farm stands at this time of year, we tend to forget that not everyone has access to that bounty.

Please remember the OWLs Kitchen Food Pantry while you are doing your weekly shopping, and leave your donation in the food basket next to the baptismal font when you come to church.

SUMMER READING

Looking for something to read during your vacation or "staycation" this year? Check out the book tables in the Guild Room! Fifty cents buys you a paperback and \$1.00 a hardcover book—prices even big box stores and Amazon.com can't match! And the added benefit is that the income from the book tables is used by our ECW for their projects and mission.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

"Constructing and Caring for God's World" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible Camp, which will be held each day from 9am-noon August 16-20. We'll be doing all sorts of interesting activities relating to building, and will culminate the week with harvesting vegetables from Dan and Mary Gates's garden and delivering our collection to the food pantry at St. Thomas Church in Amenia.



For further information or to register, please speak to Pastor Heidi.

SUNDAY SUMMER SPORTS

All young people (and those young at heart!) are invited to join Geoff Brown on Reid Field on Sundays at 10:30 for a variety of sports, ranging from flag football to badminton. At 11:15 those who wish to attend the Eucharist depart for the church while children not doing so should be picked up by their adults.

Grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and visitors are welcome to participate!

AUGUST 29 IS ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY!



This year we will continue Trinity's tradition of an ice cream coffee hour on the last day of Sunday Summer Sports. There will be chocolate and vanilla ice cream and all your favorite toppings!

For those watching their calories, coffee, tea and less caloric treats will be offered as well.

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Trinity's outreach ministry invites you to provide a backpack or lunch **bag** (not a **lunch box!**) for a child in need of school supplies for the upcoming year.

Suggestions for filling your back pack:

Erasable pen	Mini stapler
markers	gluestick
Spiral bound notebook (2 or 3 sections)	scissors
pencils	highlighters
Assignment pad	Pencil sharpener
ruler	crayons



For filling lunch bags: freezer paks, reusable sandwich or snack boxes, an item or two from the above list

Backpacks and lunchboxes should be delivered to Trinity by August 22, when they will be blessed and delivered to local schools.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING A CHILD IN NEED!

Further information: Johanna Walton at jojowalt007@att.net or 860-364-9878

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TRINITY ART SHOW

The annual invitational art show will open on Friday, Aug. 27 with a reception for the artists from 5 to 7 pm. The show will then be open daily from noon until 4 pm, and close on September 6.

Plan to come and see works by fellow parishioners as well as old favorites! This is Trinity's major fundraiser, and needs all the support that we, our friends and neighbors can offer!

REMINDER....

Although we may think of summer as "down time" or "time off", the bills at Trinity come in as regularly as they do in your own home! Please make every effort to stay current with your pledge or commitment to Trinity during the summer months. Thank you!

NOTHING WORTH DOING CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A LIFETIME: THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY HOPE.

NOTHING THAT IS TRUE OR BEAUTIFUL OR GOOD MAKES COMPLETE SENSE IN ANY IMMEDIATE CONTEXT OF HISTORY; THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY FAITH.

NOTHING THAT WE DO, HOWEVER VIRTUOUS, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ALONE; THEREFORE, WE ARE SAVED BY LOVE.

Rheinhold Niebuhr

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