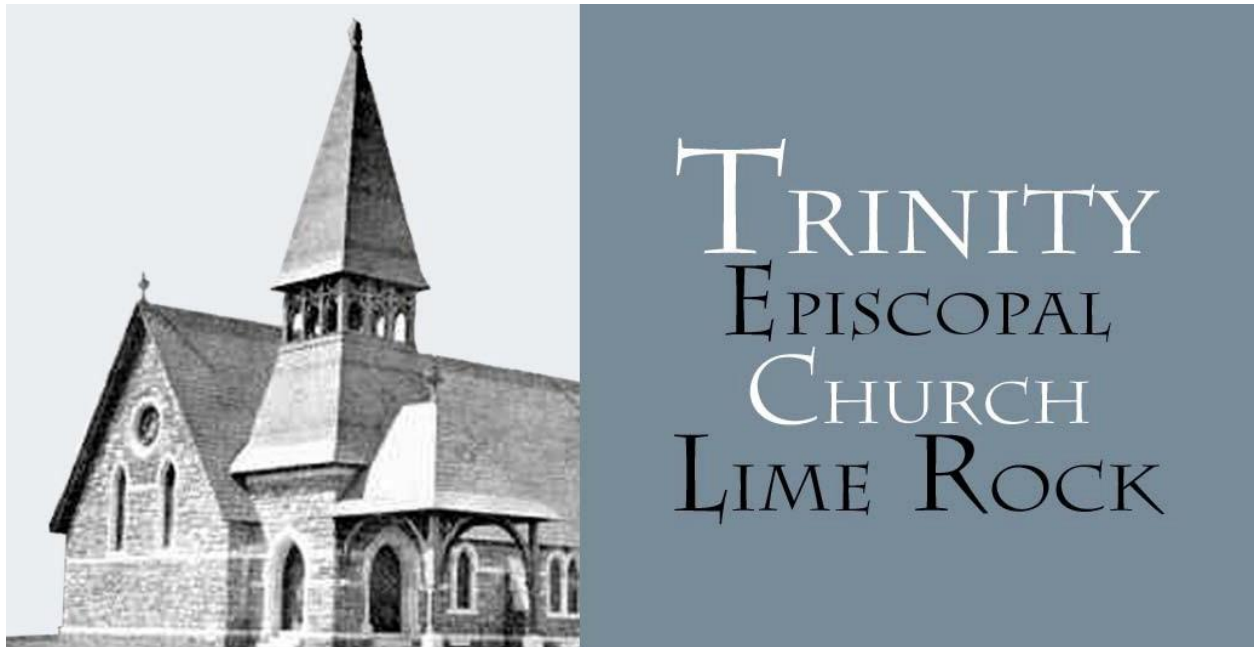


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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
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Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Call to order and invocation—the Rev. Heidi Truax

Election of Clerk of Annual Meeting

Presentation and ratification of the roll of communicants

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting (held January 2021)

Rector's Thank-you to the parish and to outgoing Officers and Vestry

Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, Clerk and Treasurer

The proposed slate of officers and vestry for 2022 is:

Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd

Junior Warden: M. E. Freeman

Treasurer: M. E. Freeman

Clerk: Bev Becker

Vestry: Three-year term: Alan Swide

Vestry: Two-year term: Theresa Kenny

Vestry: One year term: Scott Frost, Barry Anderson, Mike Cuoco, Al Dorf

Election of Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Delegates: Bev Becker and Jim Conzo

Alternates:

Reports:

Stewardship and Treasurer's Reports

Other Reports (please see Annual Report)

Old Business

New Business

Benediction and Adjournment

Voting Members

Barry Anderson	M. E. Freeman	J. Keith Nolan *
The Rev. Marilyn Anderson	Danielle A. Gaherty	John Oler
Rob Babcock *	Christine Gevert	Randy Orzano
Fred Baldwin	Jason Gladding *	Thomas C. Ragan *
Patricia Barton	Joanne King Grafe *	Elizabeth Rogers *
Stuyvesant Bearns	Gordon Gustafson	Susanna Schindler
Beverly Becker	Gretchen Hachmeister	Tom Schindler
David B. Beers	Marilyn Hardy	Judith Sherman
Marian Beers	Fred Harris	Jeffrey Silvernale
Roy Bickley	Sally Harris	Jarrold Sisk
Eleanore Boyse	Carol Hoskins *	Michelle Sisk
Matthew Boyse	Robert Hoskins *	Richard Stone
Geoffrey Brown	Betsy Howie *	Alan Swide
Jane Ellen Canfield *	Eleanore Jenks	Helen Symons
Mary Anne Carley	Stephen W. "Bill" Jenks	Carol Taylor
The Rev. John Carter	Keith Johnson	Maureen Tesoro
Heather Chapman	Theresa Kenny	Alysha Trimble
Frances Anne Columbo	Celia Kirby	Alison Tripp
James Conzo	Richard Kirby	Gary Tripp
Michael Cuoco	John Kuhns *	The Rev. Heidi Truax
Jeremy Dakin	Rachel Lamb *	Jane Tuttle
Virginia Dildine *	Jane Lipton *	Max Ule *
Al Dorf	John Lloyd	Janet Walker
Kathy Drake	Linda Lloyd	Diane Walters
Cheryl Duntz	Malcolm MacLaren *	Tim Ward
Russell Duntz	Maurice Maddox *	Arete Warren
Pari Forood	Martha Nesbitt	Marion Williams
Judith Frost *		Norma Wright
Scott Frost		Lindley Young

- Excused by reason of disability or illness or distance or internet connectivity issues.

Total 84, 18 excused = 66 against which quorum is calculated.

Clergy, Officers, Vestry, and Delegates of Trinity Lime Rock in 2021

Presiding Bishop: Most Rev. Michael Curry

Bishop of Connecticut: Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas

Suffragan Bishop: Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Missioner: The Rev. John Carter

Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd

Junior Warden: M. E. Freeman

Treasurer: John Oler

Clerk: Bev Becker

Vestry: Three-year term: Theresa Kenny

Vestry: Two-year term: Barry Anderson, Scott Frost

Vestry: One year term: Danielle A. Gaherty, Mike Cuoco, Al Dorf

Delegate and Alternate to Diocesan Convention: Bev Becker and Jim Conzo

Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2020

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ZOOM MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 AM by The Rev. Heidi Truax, Rector.

A motion was made by Linda Lloyd and seconded by Gordon Gustafson, to have Beverly Becker be the clerk of the annual meeting. Motion carried, all in favor.

Beverly Becker: You all can see the list of voting members on page 4, is there anyone who should be added or removed? May we have a motion to accept and ratify voting members? **A motion was made by Geoff Brown and seconded by M.E. Freeman, to accept and ratify voting members. Motion carried, all in favor. A quorum is established.**

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting as written in the Annual Report for 2020. **A motion was made to accept minutes by Geoff Brown and seconded by Susanna Schindler. Motion carried all in favor.**

Rector's Report: Heidi thanked all of us for being willing to dive into this year of the pandemic. We had to experiment with a lot of things. Heidi is thankful to the vestry; Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden; M.E Freeman, Jr. Warden; John Oler, Treasurer; Beverly Becker, Clerk; Mike Cuoco, Barry Anderson, Scott Frost (who is absent), Danielle Gaherty and Martha Nesbitt. We asked God for the Repose of the soul of Allen Berrien. We want to thank Martha Nesbitt who is retiring from the Vestry. She has served in so many different capacities. Thank you Christine Gevert for learning how to become a video editor so that we could present our services online and for all the other things she has done such as supporting musicians and singers. We owe Christine a great deal of gratitude for all she has done including her photography. Heidi also thanked Padre Juan who had a prayer for us to pray. Heidi sent Karl Saliter a thank you for fixing the sculpture he created, after it was attacked on Thanksgiving Day.

Heidi presented a slate of officers and vestry members; Linda Lloyd, Sr Warden; M.E Freeman, Jr Warden; John Oler, Treasurer; Beverly Becker, Clerk; Vestry for a 3-year term: Theresa Kenny a new member to the Vestry, 2 year term: Barry Anderson and Scott Frost; 1 year terms: Michael Cuoco, Danielle Gaherty and Al Dorf. Heidi asks to have a motion to direct the clerk to cast a ballot for the Slate of officers and Vestry members. **Geoff Brown made the motion and Danielle Gaherty was the second. The motion carried, all in favor. Delegates to the convention Bev Becker and a**

new delegate, Jim Conzo. A motion to have Bev and Jim be delegates to the convention was made by Geoff Brown and seconded by Jeremy Dakin.

Treasurer's Report: It's a pretty good report considering the things that we have been through this year. We've been paying the Diocese \$500 a month towards our balance on the unused loan of \$27,500. We are continuing to pay our bills and are up to date. That's a good place to be. Thank you Nancy Hiller, our wiz bang bookkeeper. John thanked Susana Schindler, Arete Warren and M.E. Freeman for all their hard work on the Stained Glass project. **A motion was made by Janet Walker and seconded by M.E. Freeman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried, All in favor.**

Warden's Report: it was a difficult year that Trinity handled with Grace. The bishop also commented on how beautiful our services are. Please continue to check on your fellow parishioners so people don't feel so alone.

Stewardship: see John Oler if you would like any more details. Thank you to Scott Frost, Barry Anderson and M.E. Freeman.

Flower Report: Heidi thanks Theresa Kenny for coming on and being head of the flower committee.

Altar Guild: Heidi thanked Alice Tweed for her 23 years of service and for her leadership. And thank you Theresa Kenny for coming to the Altar Guild.

Adult Christian Formation Report: Thank you Emily Stribling and Marilyn Anderson for your leadership in running film groups and book groups. If anyone has any ideas how we could continue this please let us know.

Sunday School Report: Heidi thanks Geoff and Geoff thanks everyone who helped and hopes that we can get Sunday school started again in the near future.

Pastoral Care Report: Linda Lloyd reiterates that we're using the buddy system, so please check in with your fellow parishioners and offer help in any way that you can.

Building and Grounds Report: Gordon Gustafson wanted to add that last year we had the slate roof repaired and that was not in his report.

Ministry of Humor: Jeremy Dakin who apparently has left the meeting.

Art Shows: We've had no art shows this year because of the pandemic.

Music Report: Christine Gevert hopes that we are all continuing to sing at home along with the service. The silver lining in this is that we've had a great number of singers and musicians to accompany us this year. Christine also said that she was very grateful for having been able to continue to work even if it was behind the screen. Also this year we have become more aware of Black singers and had them accompany us. Latin American music is also part of our worship.

Latino Ministry/Padre Juan: Thank you for letting him serve the undocumented community. The last service that they had in person was All Saints Day. Once again

Misa and *Vecinos Seguros* crossed over in many areas. Padre Juan was able to raise over \$86,000 to feed about 220 people a week. Padre asked that if we were so moved, to donate to the covid-19 relief Fund that helps him carry on his ministry. One thing he became aware of this year was The Great Divide in the undocumented and documented communities for children going to school during this pandemic. A survey reported that 1 in 15 children had either a desktop or laptop computer and so he has been able to get 15 computers to families who would normally not have them. This also helps Padre Juan have zoom services. If you have a desktop or laptop in working condition that you no longer would be using, you can donate it to Father John.

Stained Glass Restoration Project: According to John Oler's report there is more money in the stained glass account than Susanna stated in her report. Heidi thanks Susanna for all of her hard work. Susanna thanked all the new members of the team. Arete asked about Phase 2. Gordon was hoping that we could get a more concise number than we did the first time, relating to the frame. There is a new estimate for the dove windows that does include a frame. M.E. Freeman and Jon Oler will be going over the quote line by line. There will be a meeting between Susanna, John, M.E., Heidi, Linda and Fred Shea of Stained Glass Resources.

Society for Advanced Theological Discussion: Keith Nolan

Video Production Report: Christine reported that we are switching from Facebook to YouTube and she hopes that it will be easier for us. Christine is grateful that we can include people like Jane Tuttle, again, in our service as well as some Crescendo people and on a personal note, her mother and her nursing home in Chile. And her brother has been singing in the choir from Chile as well. Christine remarks on how much it is a blessing to be able to have our services continue to be Outreach to be Revisited anytime we want.

Verger from Geoff: Thanks all the readers.

Communication Report: see the report. Heidi thanks Geoff for all of the work that he has done both in putting this annual meeting report together, the Rota and many other things.

Diocesan Convention Report: Beverly has nothing to add.

OLD BUSINESS: The field was not used by Time Out Foundation for the horses, due to the pandemic. Trail Magic Trailer (a trailer to be taken by different churches to different trails and made available to people who are hiking the Trail. Possibilities for the trailer would be electricity, food, maybe even clean socks) that Trinity Retreat Center was going to put together, nothing either because of the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS: We are going to have something for Ash Wednesday, probably baggies of Ashes outside on a table for us to pick up. Updates to follow. Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday and so we will be attending the ECCT church service at 10 a.m. on zoom. Geoff will be sending us a link to that service.

Buildings and Grounds Report: At the rectory, there is a mold problem in the back mudroom Gordon does not know if it is serious or not but he thinks that they should

have someone come in and take a look at it. Gordon was told to seek out a mold remediation company. Christine would like to hold off a little as she does not want people in her house for days during the height of pandemic.

Heidi is reminding us that she will be on sabbatical this year. She is planning to go to Jerusalem and take a tour walking the steps of Jesus. She hopefully will be going off to see her children and spending time Sharon hospital as a Chaplain. The Reverend Marilyn Anderson, one of our parishioners will be our supply priest while Heidi is on sabbatical.

Christine reported that Esperanza, our cleaning lady, had back surgery and it's coming along.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing at 1:13 PM by Pastor Heidi. **A motion was made by Geoff Brown, and seconded by Danielle Gaherty to end this meeting. Motion carried, all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Becker, Clerk

Rector's Report

Rector's Report for 2021

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Our parish this year has been a model of resiliency. Despite all the challenges, all the difficulties, and so many changes, we have weathered it all together...again... for the second year. None of us has ever been through something like this before, so we have done our best, respecting each other and pivoting when we have needed to do so. I'm so grateful to all of you for the support you have given me and each other this year. We keep having to renew our efforts to be careful, stay safe and look out for the well-being of those around us.

No matter what, some things stay the same. Our parish is held together by our faith and our friendship. We are people who love the arts, are passionate about caring for others and want to keep engaged with our community however we can manage it. We are God's people, and this is what we do.

We had such a sad summer with the loss of Alice Tweed, Martha Baer and Jacqueline Kuhn. These women will be sorely missed. I think a lot about the three of them; although very different people, our dear sisters in Christ. I imagine the three holding hands and dancing in a whirling trinity of heavenly beings. I don't know why that image came to me, but it gives me peace despite the great loss we have sustained.

I was very glad that I was able to take a sabbatical this year, and very thankful to the Rev. Marilyn Anderson for stepping in when I was away, and very thankful to the wardens, Linda Lloyd and M. E. Freeman, for taking over some duties in my absence. It was very rejuvenating to be able to rest and to see most of my children and grandchildren. The connections I've made at Sharon Hospital through my summer work there have been very helpful in increasing the hospital's awareness of the need for spiritual care.

I'm grateful to our vestry members for their leadership in the church. Danielle Gaherty and John Oler are stepping down this month. Alan Swide will become a new vestry member and M. E. Freeman will take over as our new Treasurer. Thank you all for your service to the parish. And many thanks to Geoff Brown who, year after year, keeps us communicating with each other and the wider world. And, of course, many thanks are due to Christine Gevert who for 18 months created amazing videos for our Sunday services. Christine always goes above and beyond what is called for as our organist and choir director. She does so for the love of the people of Trinity and her desire to help musicians come together and make musical works of art.

We keep hope alive because we Christians are hopeful. Thanks to the efforts of a number of people we now have a decently reliable live stream service every Sunday. Zoom Bible Study will be with us now permanently going forward. And we look forward to resumption of some of our cherished activities; art shows, the Outreach Brunch, Crescendo concerts and more. Keep the faith, friends! God keeps faith with us!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Heidi Truax

Parish Statistics 2021

Parish Statistics for 2021

Baptisms:

Fernanda Jardines Natividad	July 10
Alex and Edward Cruz	October 11
Maeve Elizabeth Cody	December 10

Burials:

Alice Marie Tanner Tweed	June 5
Martha Lynn Baer	July 24
Jacqueline Hill Kuhn	August 9
Thomas C. Wyckoff	October 16 (at Salisbury Cemetery)

Sundays (38) with an in-person service: average of 41 persons physically present

Sundays (50) with an online service: average of 51 online viewers

Easter Attendance:

In person: 115
Online: 93

Christmas Attendance:

In person: 120
Online: 84

Note about attendance: We had video services *only* from January 1 – April 2, Good Friday. Data from online attendance was spotty at times depending on You Tube and Local Live availability.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Heidi Truax

Wardens' Report

Warden's Report 2021

I'm sure, along with most of you, we had hoped by this time the pandemic would be behind us. That hasn't happened, even with glimmers of hope on the horizon. Trinity continues to adapt to the almost daily changes in pandemic numbers and we work hard to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Our live broadcasts this past year have been a blessing to us all. It's not perfect but we learn with each week that passes and make changes to improve the quality of the broadcast. We hope, in the next few months, to improve the sound in the church by adding an ambient microphone and adjusting the speakers to provide better sound, both for those in the church and for those watching the broadcast.

Talking to friends and family from other churches and denominations I have discovered that this pandemic has not decreased operating expenses for anyone, in fact we all have new expenses to add to our already overburdened budgets. Believe me when I say we struggle to account for every penny spent and work hard to cut any fat from our budget.

We are so blessed to have Heidi and Christine leading our worship. People like Geoff, who works in the background but does so much, the Altar Guild and Flower Committee, those who help with Building & Grounds, the Vestry, and every other large or small job that needs doing at Trinity are often unsung but I see them and know what they do and how much they mean to us all.

As I've always said, we are a family and we will get through this pandemic and, I really believe, we'll come out stronger.

With grateful thanks,

Linda Lloyd
Sr. Warden.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Highlights for 2021

We are carrying and repaying long-term debt of \$21,000. We began repayment (interest free) of this debt on August 1st, 2020. We are repaying this loan with the cash proceeds of the loan itself we received from this Covid relief loan we obtained from our Diocese. We have been repaying this loan monthly with no interest for the first 18 months at the pay rate of \$500 (Aug. 1, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2022). After January 2022, our monthly payments will include 3.5% interest at a pay rate of \$532/month until fully repaid. No prepayment penalty applies if we choose to repay more quickly.

We also received two relief loans from the Federal Government, one in 2020 and one in 2021. Each loan was in the amount of \$24,985 and was issued through the Cares Act by the Federal Small Business Administration (SBA); both loans have been forgiven and converted from loans to grants. Both SBA loans and the ECCT loan have helped us meet our regular payables during these Covid-fraught years.

As we are now enjoying, we completed all but one refurbishment and installation of our sanctuary's stained-glass windows; we have one final window which will be reinstalled in the Spring of this year. We raised and invested over \$238,000 over a two-year period. A last payment will be due in spring of 2022 when the last window is reinstalled. Funding came from parishioners, friends of Trinity and a grant from the Gerry Foundation.

Our parish expenses run approximately \$18,000 per month and are funded by a combination of paid-in pledges (by 42 families), various non-pledged donations (\$17,800) and approximately \$20,000 per year from our endowment. We have also accumulated a Capital Reserve Fund of \$30,712 which funds incidental repairs and long-term capital improvements to the church, the rectory and our parish grounds. We now have a cash balance (checking and savings accounts) of \$149,264 which earns interest daily in our Iron Bank Harvest Money Market account.

Total Donations to date (pledges, plate cash donations and non-pledge donations amounted to \$140,631, approximately 79% of our budgeted amount.

We contribute a portion of our operating income to the Diocese which amounted to \$20,460 by year-end.

We ended the year with an Operating Deficit of \$51,367; this was offset partially by \$24,985 of the SBA grant for a net operating deficit of \$26,382.

Flower Committee Report

2021 Trinity Flower Report

Due to covid our church remained closed to the public for the first half of the year. Live streamed services continued and the flower committee, Heather Chapman, Tom Schindler, Judith Sherman, Marilyn Anderson, Marian Beers and myself delivered and arranged on the Thursday before filming. When the church reopened in the summer the committee resumed to Saturday arranging. During Lent, greens were placed and on the fourth Sunday daffodils were placed in the windows. For Easter Sunday the church was decorated with lilies and cut flowers. During Advent greens were placed. The week before and the week of Christmas the church was decorated with poinsettias, carnations, candles in the windows with holly and poles adorned with flowers and ivy were set up by the committee and volunteers. The flowers are offered up to God and are in the memory or honor of a loved one. When the church was closed members contacted Heidi who in turn updated the chart in Walker Hall and the chart was online. The usual donation is \$50.00 with a note to Nancy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Kenny, Flower Chair

Altar Guild Report

Altar Guild: It is with a heavy heart that we lost our head of Altar Guild Alice Tweed. With big shoes to fill Beverly Becker is now the new head of Altar Guild. Theresa Kenny joined Mike Cuoco and myself at the 10:30 service. Janet Walker handles the 8 a.m. service. We had about a dozen people come together to polish brass and silver on December 11th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Becker, Head of Altar Guild

Adult Christian Formation Report

Adult Education (Bible Study) Report

In 2021 we continued to have Bible Study on Thursdays at 12:30 PM. What began as a pandemic necessity in 2020 has now become a treasured weekday Zoom event for a good group of people. We have grown in our awareness that this is a great way to share our ideas and experiences through our discussions of Holy Scripture.

No one in our group is an expert, and the point of the group is not to create Bible experts. We strive to learn a little, pray a little and talk about our lives a little.

We've read a great variety of books of the Bible this year:

The Gospel of Luke

First Samuel

Ecclesiastes
The Second and Third Letters of John
Second Samuel
And at the end of the year, Philippians

As always, this gathering is more about being led by the Holy Spirit to discuss what ways the Bible still speaks to us now even if it is thousands of years old. It's a pretty fun group! Give it a try one Thursday!

Meeting ID: 880 921 598
Passcode: 005991

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Heidi Truax

Sunday School/Youth Report

2021 started off with hints that we might find a new normal that involved regular, in-person Christian education for the young people. That was not to be, although our older young people read the Old and New Testament readings a few times each as we continued to did "virtual church."

Another summer passed without Summer Sports. Its resumption will depend on the progress of the pandemic.

The younger children were too young for meaningful assignments in the livestreamed services with which we began the fourth quarter, and the older children assisted when available at the in-person services.

Pastor Heidi has revived Sunday School, now at 9 AM Sundays. More families are welcome to participate! Please let Pastor Heidi know if you are coming so she can have sufficient materials ready for all. When necessary, the 9 AM

Sunday School is conducted on Zoom, something with which the young people are quite familiar.

We had a lovely Christmas Pageant on 4 Advent, written by Pastor Heidi, and including TWO live babies (Jesus and John the Baptist), and our two newest older children logged significant time in the spotlight, doing an excellent job. We know that even the younger children who participated will take away good memories from the event.

What will 2022 bring? With Pastor Heidi's 9 AM class starting we are off to a strong start. We will build out from that according to the needs of the young people who come to us, and we can hope that COVID will soon stabilize so that more can happen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoff Brown

Outreach Ministry Report

Outreach:

As we continue with this pandemic again this year we Fed A Family of Four differently. People were asked to send donations to the Corner Food Pantry or to bring food there directly. You could also bring food for the basket outside the church and Barry took it over.

The Thanksgiving Dinner was done much like last year as we only allowed take out. With a staff of 12, we managed to feed over 125 people on Thursday. We delivered about 12 meals to Canaan. On Friday, 25 meals were delivered to Wangum Village, in time for lunch. Even in the pandemic we were very very blessed. Many thanks to the VFW Canaan for their support in letting us order our food wholesale, which saved us a lot of money.

Food Basket - Every week on Friday Barry Anderson comes by Trinity to pick up the food that people have put into the basket outside the red doors of Walker Hall. There have been weeks when the basket was overflowing with food and weeks in which there is not one item! Please remember to donate if you can.

Crop Hunger Walk - This year the Crop walk had a few walkers . There were people who walked around their own neighborhoods and churches and schools

who held walks with just their own groups. But it was very successful all the same. Trinity Church raised about \$3,000 this year and the walk in general was successful. We have been able to make significant donations to food banks this year because of everyone's generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Becker, Chairman of Outreach

Pastoral Care Team Report

Pastoral Care:

In the year 2021 again we unfortunately had "lockdowns" due to Covid-19 and there was a continuation of virtual worship. We all suffered from not seeing each other and having social interactions. Our main concerns were staying healthy and alert despite the confines of the restrictions we still have to endure.

The Parish Care team was charged with making phone calls to members on our list and, if they needed, then refer their needs on to Marilyn Anderson. This was particularly important because Pastor Heidi was on sabbatical for the months of June, July and August. Thank God, there were no pressing referrals during this time. We did lose three cherished members last year, Martha Baer, Alice Tweed and Jackie Kuhn and that took a toll on the whole parish.

We thank God for his grace which is never ending. We got through.

Yours in Christ

Carol M. Taylor

Buildings and Grounds Report

Buildings & Grounds 2021

This year was another slow one due to Covid. That being said a few much needed projects were completed.

- Cabling for the livestream camera was installed in the sanctuary so services could be seen at home.
- Gutters above the kitchen side of the building were replaced and a tidy sum was recovered by John Lloyd who took the old copper gutters to a recycler!
- Our friends at Trinity Glen provided the skilled labor to refurbish the courtyard benches.
- Stone blocks on the east side buttresses (look that word up!) were re-cemented to provide continuing support of the building.
- A fair amount of accumulated 'stuff' was cleared from the undercroft and taken to the transfer station. Seems like at most houses, this is an ongoing problem too!
- We only had one cleanup day on the property. In early December a small crew worked raking leaves & picking up branches & sticks. I most appreciate those that helped and hope we can continue the cleanup in the spring with a LARGER crew!

Gordon Gustafson, B & G chair

Ministry of Humor

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Trinity

And as soon as I find out what that was, I'll let you know. In fact, the past year has been anything but funny. Covid, January 6, Andrew Cuomo, inflation, supply chain delays, the loss of several good friends... do you really want me to continue? When you get right down to it, 2021 was a really lousy year.

Throughout this whole ordeal Heidi has shown remarkable leadership. And it would always make me proud when, on those all-too-infrequent occasions when I could get to church, she would greet me with a big smile and a hopeful “Do you have a joke for us today?” Proud because it made me feel as though I was part of the healing process that is so essential to Trinity Lime Rock.

If you have ever tried to tell a joke and messed it up, you know how difficult humor can be. But in these stressful times it is vital that we find something to smile about. If I have been able to put a smile on the face of a parishioner, then I’m happy.

And I will continue to make the effort.

The Humor Ministry

P.S. As this is going into the Annual Report, I feel obliged to report that the Humor Ministry generated no revenue whatsoever. On the other hand, its expenses were minimal.

Art Shows

Art Shows:

There is no report for the Art Show for 2021. Two shows were planned but both were canceled because of Covid regulations. We will have a show or shows in 2022 if Covid regulations are completely lifted.

Mary Anne Carley, Chair

Music Report

Music Report for Trinity Church Lime Rock for 2021

This past year we continued with our remote/online rehearsals and recordings until the beginning of July. Our singers have become very experienced using the recording App, and also have become better musicians, as they have needed to be very independent in their music making. Crescendo Vocal Ensemble singers, soloists and instrumentalists contributed on an ongoing basis, not only to the prelude (mostly) Renaissance motets, but also to our anthems, hymns and service music. I composed a new bilingual (English-Spanish) setting of Service Music, and it got (remotely) recorded with singers and Crescendo's Andean instrumentalists. We used this setting for the complete season of Lent. This is a step to include the Latino culture into our worship, and to follow the direction of the Episcopal ministry of racial reconciliation, justice, and healing.

It was wonderful to return to a more normal situation for a few weeks this spring/summer! Fully vaccinated singers were able to sing together again in person, without masks and distancing for a few weeks, until the Delta Covid variant became too dangerous. From then on until we no longer could keep a good ventilation (open doors), we kept rehearsing in person, but masked and distanced, and for shorter times. Despite the few rehearsals we were able to have a festive Christmas service with the addition of Crescendo singers and instrumentalists.* Crescendo also purchased seven air purifiers, which added one more layer of protection during rehearsals and services. Since the worrisome rise of the Omicron Covid variant we have had to cease singing in-person altogether – also for the congregation. At the moment we have only organ music in the in-person services. Hearing the hymns without singing them might open up a slightly different dimension of musical worship – perhaps shifting the focus to a more introspective, meditative place. It is interesting to know that congregational hymn singing was not common in the early church services long after the invention of the printing press, and even not long after the Reformation.

We greatly miss two of our beloved choir members and friends who died this year: Martha Baer and Jacquie Kuhn. One of the most moving experiences

for all of us was that we were able to sing at Martha Baer's deathbed only a few hours before her passing. It is hard to describe what we all shared there, but the experience is unique and we will never forget that moment. Singing our familiar "Alta Trinita Beata" anthem for her created a connection, and we understand that it brought everyone at Trinity close to Martha through the voices of the small group singing for her. We were also able to sing together with Crescendo singers at all three funeral services at Trinity this past year, including Alice Tweed's. These are moments when we all feel very grateful to be able to raise our voices together in song.

No matter what the external challenges are – music will always be an important part of the worship experience at Trinity. Even while for this time nobody can sing in person in the church, we can go back to some of the services recorded and filmed between April 2020 and July 2021, and sing along with the hymns and service music 'at Trinity'. As we completed more than a full church year doing this, there are services that match every week of the liturgical season. The lyrics, and sometimes also the music on screen can help everyone to participate actively. These days it is more important than ever to engage actively with music (and other art). A challenging aspect of this 'new era' of online presence is the selection and licensing of music. We are limited in our musical choices – even from our 'own' Episcopal hymnals - and many things about the whole process are both labor intensive and also confusing.

During the last months we have been experimenting with new set up of computer Apps that will enable us make music remotely in real-time. At the moment the results are not perfect, and require both transcending computer challenges, as well as investing money in new equipment and a better internet connection for our singers. So far I was able to have remote sessions with a handful of other (Crescendo) musicians. It is my hope that we can build on this, and get some of our Trinity Choir singers set up with this. If this is successful, there are Apps that also enable small groups to make music remotely in a live session. While we hope that we will be able to rehearse and sing and play music in person soon again, we will keep pursuing this to help us in any situation where it could be an advantage to not meet in person.

**You can view an open Crescendo rehearsal with festive Christmas repertoire held on December 20, 2021 at Trinity Church here: <https://crescendomusic.org/athome/>*

Many of the Motets remotely recorded for Trinity's Services in 2020 and 2021 can be heard on SoundCloud: <https://crescendomusic.org/audio/>

And of course you can also revisit the complete Christmas Eve Service with its festive music on Trinity's YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/Y-JEYz4Sb8k>

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gevert

Stained-Glass Restoration Project

Stained Glass Project

I am happy to say that our stained-glass rescue campaign has been very successful! We have raised enough funds to pay for the restoration and repair of all our stained-glass windows and two mahogany frames. I hope that those of you who are local have had the opportunity to see them in all their glory.

The only window that is not in situ is the Dove Window from the back of the church. The Kingsland company (which makes frames for Stained Glass Resources) has reported that all the components of the frame have been milled. The process then involves putting it together and applying a protective coating on the front and back of the frame. At that point, the frame goes to Stained Glass Resources to put the window in. Then we wait for warm enough weather to install it.

We were able to raise almost \$240,000 thanks to generous gifts from members and friends of the parish, a matching anonymous grant and the grant from the Gerry Foundation. The total raised is almost \$240,000.

We now have an idea of how the church looked in the early 20th century. The colors are brilliant and the craftsmanship is impeccable. We can all look forward to years and years and beyond our years of dazzling stained-glass.

Susanna Schindler
Stained Glass Rescue Chairperson

Video Production Report

Video Production Report for Trinity Church Lime Rock for 2021

Our Sunday Services in 2021 were pre produced until the first week of July, (with the exception of the three funeral services).

They can be found on Trinity's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/trinitychurch> in the Playlist:

“Worship at Trinity Lime Rock”

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDeBqkH6mxhjmYvafDVsJyAVziURshZ4u>

Since then we switched to live video – for a few month manually filming and posting online later, and in the fall via the new streaming service. They can be found on Trinity's website, and they later also get posted to trinity's YouTube channel. More details about that are in the Senior Warden's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Gevert

Verger's Report

2021 Report of the Verger

COVID-19 has been the dominant force is shaping our worship. We now are viewed not only by those in the building, but by those thousands of miles away. However, COVID has disrupted the process of developing our older young people in liturgical practice (acolyting, ushering, reading). When COVID abates, recovering from this setback will be a priority.

The willingness of parishioners to participate as readers and counters during the COVID-19 period has been encouraging. The rota is now produced monthly

so we can stay on top of COVID-driven changes. The parish has been very forthcoming in volunteering for all the worship support jobs.

Thanks to the staff and all the volunteers of this parish. You make my burden light.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Brown, Verger

Communications Report

2021 Communications Report

Trinity continued to adjust its communications posture in 2021; needless to say, COVID was the motivating factor in these changes for the most part.

At year-end 2021:

Website: Want to find something about Trinity online? Look at the home page, www.trinitylimerock.org. The **“Where to find it” button** at the bottom should take you right to what you are looking for. Still can’t find it? Let me know!

Rector’s Letter: now appears in the Trinity Update each month.

Print Advertising: The *Lakeville Journal* remains as the principal print advertising vehicle for the parish, but it is an endangered resource.

Trinity Update: We returned to one issue per week of the TU as our worship format stabilized. At year-end, our per issue circulation was 323, flat to the previous year.

Facebook: We continue to deemphasize Facebook in our communications mix. The Sports page will merge with the main Facebook page and our emphasis there switches to the Group. The Gallery page is inactive due to COVID. The Group now shows 106 members. The main page shows 373 Likes and 438 Follows, slightly up from last year.

YouTube channel: All our recent livestreams are now posted on our YouTube channel. We currently have 85 subscribers, up from 62 last year. The most viewed video of the year (so far) was the 5th Sunday of Lent, with 162 viewers. Other frequently viewed videos included the last Sunday of Epiphany (138 views), and Palm Sunday (136).

Twitter presence: Twitter followers of @trinitylimerock are up slightly from last year (515, up from 509). Trinity Updates are automatically posted on our Twitter feed.

Instagram: Growth of @trinitylimerock continues, with 1539 current followers, up from 1410 last year. We continue to seek ways to build on this strength.

Zoom: This conferencing program has been integral to Trinity's operations since COVID hit us and will likely remain so after the pandemic ends.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown

"Communications Director"

Diocesan Convention Report

Report of the Diocesan Annual Convention held on October 23, 2021

Present on Zoom for our Parish were the Rev. Heidi Truax, our Diocesan delegates, Bev Becker and Jim Conzo, and parishioners, the Rev. Marilyn Anderson and Danielle Gaherty in their various capacities.

We heard Bishop Ian's final address as our diocesan bishop. He will be stepping down before the convention of 2022. Bishop Ian will have been a bishop for 12 years. He is sad that he is leaving during the pandemic. We have all endured many challenges and changes as a result of living at the "end of Christendom". The bishop explains that Christianity no longer rules the world and the place of our religion in general society has decreased significantly.

Bishop Ian's message was about God inviting us to change the way we "do church" to help us stay relevant in the future. We need to focus on a new understanding of "Mission" Church. And we need to bridge differences between God and one another. God is about restoring Unity. "We are followers and disciples of Jesus sent as Apostles into God's mission".

The Diocese is not just the office in Meriden. It is all the people in all the parishes participating in God's mission. It is a new Missional age consisting of ministry networks, six regions, regional leadership teams, regional missionaries and the mission council. The members of all these leadership groups meet all together four times a year. We are now also recognizing intentional Episcopal

communities that have never been represented at our Diocesan Convention before.

Finally, the bishop said that the cross of Jesus is witness of love to the world reaching out to all.

Convention Resolutions:

1. Budget of Convention – Passed
2. Clergy Compensation – Amended and Passed
3. Care for God’s Creation – Amended and Passed
4. Fostering Right Relationship: ECCT, Indigenous Episcopalians and our Indigenous Neighbors – Passed
5. Sharing in the Work of Creating a Safe Church – Passed
6. Evangelism of and by Young Adults: Faithfulness to God’s Mission into the Future – Passed
7. Addressing Racism within Title IV Complaints and Processes – Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Becker, Diocesan Delegate

Hispanic Ministries Report

Hispanic Ministry at Trinity Lime Rock 2021



VECINOS SEGUROS (VS)

The Gift Card Program

Due to many generous contributions and grants, we were able to sustain the gift card program for the undocumented community in 2021. About 6 months into the year, we dropped the distribution at the Presbyterian Church of Millerton and picked up with one at the monthly Misa. This helped us to conserve funds and to provide a safer environment. Thanks to the generosity of the Adamah Farm at the Elizabeth Friedman Center, we were able to offer fresh vegetables as well as the gift food cards.

At the end of the year, we had a special appeal to support families through the holiday season. We raised over \$8500.00 and had a final card distribution in Millerton. Many thanks to Esperanza Nuñez and Jacky Morales who administered the distribution of the gift cards throughout the year, for the second year in a row.

The VS email group includes more than 200 subscribers. I send out updates regarding needs as well as progress reports. The emails to this loyal and generous group are the primary means of fund-raising.

A special shoutout to the Trinity Lime Rock Church donors!

Special thanks also to Salisbury Congregational Church, Hotchkiss School and The Presbyterian Church of Millerton for their support.

I gave a Zoom presentation for students at Hotchkiss about the work of VS. Student groups have contributed food, clothing and money earned through bake sales.

Computer Project

After finding good computers for 15 families, we phased out the Computer Project. Many thanks to Paul Depaolo and Kiana Low for their contributions to this effort.

VS Income: \$49,088.00

VS Expenses: \$51,594.00

Balance: \$26,702.00

THE MISA

We had 11 Misa services in 2021. A trio from Hartford, called “Sin Fronteras”, led us with lively hymns and folk music.

Attendance varied and undoubtedly was affected by the Pandemic. Nevertheless, average attendance for the year was 33 souls per service.

I baptized three members of the VS community on two occasions in New York. These festive celebrations were well attended.

Social Networking

I continued to use the MISA WhatsApp group for important communications. This is an online community, which now serves about 65 families. I send out prayers, educational opportunities, programs for children and reminders about gift card distribution days and Misa services. From time to time, other member-users put up prayers or icons.

Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Network

I am a member of the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Network (HMN). We have monthly Zoom meetings. Through this network and on behalf of Trinity Lime Rock Church and its Hispanic Mission, I applied for a block grant to support the Misa for 2022. Our application was approved, and, for the fourth year in a row, our ministry affirmed. I am grateful for the support of the members of the HMN and the Diocese.

Misa Income: \$15,279.00

Misa Expenses: \$14,479.00

Balance: \$2068.00

Both the Misa and VS contribute regularly to Trinity Lime Rock Church to help defray expenses related to utilities and administration.

Neither the Misa nor VS would be happening without Heidi!!

I am very grateful for the magnanimous support of Trinity Lime Rock, its Vestry and the Rector. I am also thankful for my partner in ministry, Esperanza Nuñez.

Being Hispanic Missioner on behalf of Trinity Lime Rock Church is a deeply gratifying privilege and honor.

Blessings and gratitude,

John F. Carter+

Stewardship

2021 Stewardship Report

While the pledges we recorded for 2021 appeared to give us a balanced budget at the start of 2021 that turned out not to be the case. We had a concerning shortfall in pledges actually paid in 2021. Fortunately, we received another PPP grant in 2021 which helped considerably and as well as a significant unexpected gift in late 2021. And we collected some unpaid 2021 pledges in early 2022.

Against that background and with the knowledge that unlike 2020 and 2021 there will be no PPP grant from the federal government to save the day in 2022, we embarked on our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. We are pleased to report that we have received a total of \$166,230 in pledges from 49 pledging units. Of this amount, \$153,525 is for our operating budget and \$12,705 for capital expenditures. This brings us very close to meeting our 2022 budget.

Practically all those who increased their pledges in 2021 have maintained those pledges for 2022 and several have again increased their pledges for 2022. We also received a few new pledges for 2022. For this we are most grateful.

This year we will be asking those who have pledged to make their pledge payments throughout the course of the year as opposed to waiting until the

end of the year so we can avoid the cash crunch we faced this past December. We also ask that anyone in a position to do so, realizing that many of us are not, to pay all or a substantial portion of their pledge at the beginning of this year or by the middle of the year. A few have already paid their 2022 pledges entirely which has been most helpful as we began January with a rather bare cupboard.

Despite almost two years of a pandemic which prevented us from having live services for 18 months and continues to affect in person attendance, we are beginning 2022 in a strong position. We have improved the live streaming of our 10:30am service and we hope to have more in person events in 2022 such as art shows and the outreach luncheon and to be able to resume coffee hour.

We thank all of you for your invaluable financial support and your perseverance. You are the church. It is your support that enables Trinity to continue its historic ministry as we approach our 150th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. Freeman

