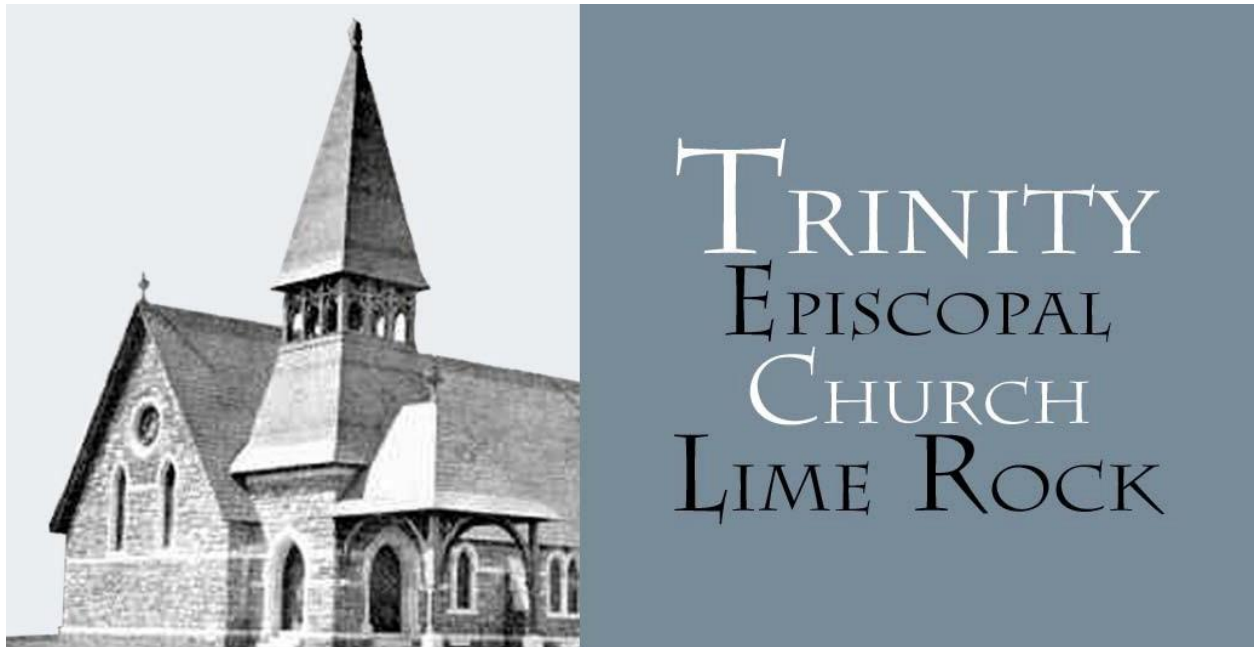


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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2023

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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 2022)

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

Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, Clerk and Treasurer

Sr. Warden Linda Lloyd  
Jr. Warden M. E. Freeman  
Treasurer M. E. Freeman  
Clerk Beverly Becker

Vestry Members:

Three-year term:

Jim Conzo

Marian Beers

Two-year term remaining:

Alan Swide

One-year term remaining:

Mike Cuoco

Al Dorf

Theresa Kenny

Election of Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Delegates: Jim Conzo and Bev Becker

Alternates: Carol Taylor

Reports:

Stewardship and Treasurer's Reports

Motion accepting other reports as presented in this Annual Report

Old Business

## New Business

## Benediction and Adjournment

## Voting Members

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

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

Total 78, 14 excused = 64 against which quorum is calculated.

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2021

### **Notes for Annual Meeting January 23, 2022**

Meeting is called to order at 12:08 PM on Zoom.

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

Beverly Becker, Clerk, announced the list of voting members and asked if there should be anyone added or removed? She asks for a motion to accept and ratify the voting members. **Motion made by Carol Taylor and seconded by Susanna Schindler. Motion carried, all in favor.** We have 36 screens, plus some screens have 2 people in them, for a total count of 43. There are 88 parishioners on the voting list. The quorum has been met.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were presented (as part of the Annual Meeting report that we downloaded from the Trinity Website). **Motion made by Geoff Brown and seconded by Danielle Gaherty to accept the minutes of the 2021 meeting. Motion carried, all in favor.**

**RECTORS REPORT:** and Thank You: The fact that we are gathering as a community in this way, thank God for computer engineers who were able to design this software and the hardware that we all have in our homes be able to join in this way. Pastor Heidi is now in her 13th year here. She thanks us for allowing her to have a sabbatical. It was really a wonderful thing and she was very gratified to be able to take it a little break to work with the hospital and to see her kids and get me rejuvenated. She is so thankful to all of us who supported her in her sabbatical. She is also very grateful to Christine and hopes she is going to take a sabbatical of her own. You may remember that just a couple of short months ago we celebrated Christine's 20th anniversary here and we are so blessed to have her musical gifts with us all the time and every season and especially all the super hard work of creating those amazing beautiful videos for us online. We miss those photographs of nature. Pastor Heidi is grateful for the entire Vestry for faithfully and fairly tackling all of our business issues that are necessary part of running a church. One of the most fun Ministries we have right now is the Bible study and if you haven't tuned into the Bible study before, I would ask you to give it a go on a Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Thank you to the Sisks for their wonderful children because they are sort of reawakening her teaching spirit and they're having great fun.

Pastor Heidi presents the slate of officers, vestry members and diocesan delegates:

Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden, M. E. Freeman Treasurer, Bev Becker, Clerk, Vestry members: Alan Swide, Theresa Kenny, Scott Frost, Barry Anderson, Mike Cuoco and Al Dorf. Diocesan Delegates are Bev Becker and Jim Conzo. Pastor Heidi very much thanks Danielle for her service on Vestry and John Oler for his service as treasurer.

Is there anyone who will volunteer to be the alternate delegate this year?  
Danielle Gaherty

Will someone make a motion to direct the clerk to cast one ballot for the slate of Officers, Vestry and delegates?

**Motion made by Geoff Brown and seconded by Gordon Gustafson to direct the clerk to cast one ballot for the 2022 slate of officers, vestry and delegates. Motion carried, all in favor.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** \_ Thanks to all of the treasury team, those signing checks, counting the plate and other donations. We actually boosted participation including some new gifts by our recent new members Jared Sisk and his family. We exceeded our budget goals. I'm just grateful of the incredible team effort by so many people in so many ways reflected only partially in the reports that were submitted to Geoff and Geoff did a wonderful job collating and presenting this report. Pastor Heidi thanked John very much for all his hard work on this. John thanked Al Dorf for all his expertise both with the questions John asked and with the Budget. For John's actual Treasures report please see the presentation booklet.

**Motion made by Shirley Jenks and seconded by Linda Lloyd to accept the Treasurer's Report for the financial year 2021. Motion carried, all in favor.**

(Reports are being called for during the meeting in a different order than they appear in the index of the packet of reports.)

**WARDENS REPORT:** \_Linda wants to acknowledge and express to Pastor Heidi and Christine, her extreme thankfulness. Christine, Linda said "I cannot thank you enough personally because of your innovation. The hours and hours to film, to get everybody's pieces in, and to take the beautiful pictures." Also, Linda expressed relief, that finally LocalLive is up and running and that we are finally getting the kinks and bugs out, but it has taken five or six months. She is working on getting an ambient microphone. Pastor Heidi thanked Linda for being our senior Warden and guided us through all of this.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** \_M.E. reported that we were saved in the prior two years by the two PPP loans that we received. They really made all the difference and when we started the stewardship campaign this year, 2021, we

knew that there would be no PPP loan to save the day in 2022 and I am so pleased that people rose to the challenge and we met our goals. We are almost in balance for 2022. As we enter this year 2022, with a healthy capital reserve carried over as we did not have that many capital expenses last year. The largest one, painting the church we hope to do in the spring and we have the funding to do it. She also thanked the parishioners who increased their pledges for 2022 and to those who were able are already this year to pay their pledges in full for all of 2022. We hope to have some improvements in our Servant Keeper program, eliminating issues between people donating capital and donating operating funds. The good news is that all but one of the stained-glass payments has been made to Stained Glass Resources. Then the project will be done.

**HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT:** \_John Carter unfortunately was called away on a family emergency. Please keep John's sister in your prayers.

**MUSIC REPORT AND VIDEO PRODUCTION REPORT:** \_Christine reported first of all many, many thanks to all. None of the music could happen without everybody. Thank you to Pastor Heidi's for her support. We were so fortunate to have so many guests, including Jermaine Woodard. It's hard to say what it means to have lost two friends from the choir this year, Jacqueline Kuhn and Martha Baer. I'm so grateful for being able to use the music for something like going to see Martha the night before she passed. It maybe some of the most important things ever. Copyright and licensing for online streaming has changed and we hope going forward we can get the Diocese to update this matter. Crescendo purchased air purifiers to help the air in the church.

**FLOWER REPORT:** \_Theresa reported the flower committee has continued to do the arrangements. They starting doing them on Thursdays and are now back to Saturdays. We have a great committee. Thank you everybody on my committee.

**ALTAR GUILD REPORT:** Bev reported that she was very grateful to her team of Mike, Theresa and Janet. That she has big shoes to fill and she feels she has a lot to learn but will do her best.

**OUTREACH REPORT:** Beverly reported that the only thing she wanted to clarify was she now had numbers from the Crop Walk. The northwest corner collected \$36410.72; Trinity collected \$2,744.50. What is really impressive is that \$8,677 stays in the northwest corner. Beverly thanked everyone for all for that they contributing both monetarily and physically both, in all of the things that she does and all the things that the church does. Thank you.

**PASTORAL CARE REPORT:** \_Carol Taylor reported we were remote from each other but we kept checking on each other. Either by the buddy system set up

last year or calling parishioners and passing emergency info to Rev. Marilyn Anderson. “Thank God for his grace. We got through the year. Thank you.”

**B AND G REPORT:** Gordon reported that he wanted to thank the 4 or 5 who helped with the winter cleanup outside. He would like more people to help in the spring. The church exterior is going to be painted in the spring, weather permitting.

**MINISTRY OF HUMOR REPORT:** Jeremy is not on the zoom call.

**ART REPORT:** MaryAnn reported she personally feels there's not much point to putting on the whole show and not doing a reception or having to wear masks. She would like to get through these COVID mandates. She has two judges that are ready any time.

**STAINED GLASS RESTORATION REPORT:** Susanna Schindler reported some people are wondering what's happening with the dove window. The frame is built, then the frame goes to Stained Glass Resources and the window is put in. Then weather permitting they will install it, possibly in February. Susanna would like to thank M.E. and John for all of their help and every one of the donors who helped to make this possible. Martha Nesbitt thanks Arete Warren for her help with the grant. We are seeing these windows as they were first seen almost 150 years ago. Pastor Heidi said “A huge effort by all of us and of course some particular individuals shared more of the burden and we thank them very much. So, thank you too all. Arete asked about a celebration. Yes, when pandemic is over, the job is done and those who should be here are available.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND VERGER'S REPORT:** Geoff said “my report basically is a request that if any of you see a Communications opportunity where we can do anything we're not doing now, where we can be better or we can do something in addition to what we're now doing that will help Trinity, please let him know. Linda added “that you (Geoff) have been very adaptable, you have worked on new ways of communication and I thank you very, very much.” Geoff responded “it's been a gratifying experience. It's satisfying or I wouldn't do.

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION REPORT:** Beverly just wanted to say that she is going to miss Bishop Ian

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS – CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS**

Linda Lloyd presented the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Existing By-law 9 – There shall be at least six Vestry members in addition to the Rector, Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer. The Vestry



members shall be divided into three classes of at least two each and shall serve for three years, one class to be elected each year.

*Proposed By-law 9 – There shall be at least four vestry members in addition to the Rector, Warden or Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer. The vestry members shall be divided into classes so that each class serves three years, if possible. The intent is that the vestry member terms will expire in different years.*

Existing By-law 11 - The president of the ECW and the Director of the Altar Guild or their duly appointed substitutes shall be Associate Members of the Vestry with seat and voice, but no vote, unless they are also elected members of the Vestry or officers of the Parish.

*Proposed By-law 11 - The Director of the Altar Guild, or any duly appointed substitute, shall be an Associate Member of the Vestry with seat and voice, but no vote, unless he/she/they are also an elected member of the Vestry or an officer of the Parish.*

**Motion was made by Susanna Schindler and seconded by Geoff Brown to accept the changes to the bylaws. Motion carried, all in favor.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm was made by Gordon Gustafson and seconded by Linda Lloyd. Motion carried, all in favor.**

Pastor Heidi ended the meeting with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Becker, Clerk of the Meeting

## Rector's Report

### **Rector's Report for 2022**

“One of the things I have asked of the Lord; one thing I seek\*  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” *Psalm 27:5*

I made a tour of the announcements I had posted in our Sunday bulletins this year, beginning with the first bulletin in January of 2022 until the last Sunday of the year. I was surprised that I had forgotten so much of what we did this last year! This walk through the year of Trinity via the announcements helped me see things at Trinity in a slightly different and very helpful light.

The first most obvious thing I noticed is how we have opened up so much during the year. In January there were just three announcements in the bulletin. We really were still in the grips of Covid then! That was especially made clear with the fact that we held our Annual Meeting in January 2022 on Zoom.

By the end of the year we had about 11 announcements each week including the resumption of Crescendo rehearsals and concerts, and weekly OA and AA meetings. My mind doesn't always remember things exactly how they were. This is clearly why annual meetings and all our reports are so important.

One thing that hit me as I was reading through the announcements was that that we dwelt in the House of the Lord all year! This was the first year since 2019 that we were in church every Sunday. And for us, a group of faithful parishioners who love our church building, our sacraments and our music, this is a big deal.

I'll list briefly some of the events of the year 2022 in the life of Trinity:

I attended a preaching conference with the Episcopal Preaching Foundation in January.

We completed our stained-glass window project on March 22 when the dove window was finally installed along with its new mahogany frame. The stained-glass windows are finished and we can sit back and truly enjoy their beauty.

Christine Gevert was able to schedule and perform a number of concerts this year to bring back the music to our church and to our hearts. What would Trinity be without our brilliant musical talent?

The Easter Vigil service had its “New Fire” ritual snuffed out because of windy, wet weather. But the Vigil itself was lovely nonetheless.

We began hosting Overeaters Anonymous and a women’s Alcoholics Anonymous group in the parish hall. What a relief to be able to open our doors once again to recovery groups in the community.

I travelled to Jerusalem from April 29-May 12 to complete the last component from my 2021 sabbatical that had been rescheduled to 2022.

Church services at Geer Nursing, Geer Village and Noble Horizons were all restarted or continued in 2022. At Sharon Hospital I continue to see patients individually and in groups in the SBH unit.

The NY Cycle Club came to visit us again in May and we were able to have the first Juried Art show in three years in July. We’ll hear more about this in the Art Show Report.

Our Trinity Feast Day in June was especially memorable with the re-dedication of our beautiful windows. This gave us an opportunity to celebrate all that we have accomplished and thank the many people who gave their time and their treasure to make this project a complete success. The stories that were told on that day are a testament to how important the windows are in the spiritual lives of many of us.

We had a short Authors’ series in June hosting our own Geoff Brown and his *Trinity Lime Rock in Context: A History*, and Leo Gafney’s book *I am With You Always*.

We heard a variety of preaching voices this year. Besides me, we were blessed to also hear God’s Word to us from The Rev. Marilyn Anderson, The Rev. John Nelson, The Rev. John Carter, The Rev. Rich Reifsnyder, The Rev. Michelle Wiltshire-Clement, and Carol Taylor.

We welcomed back the Trinity Glen guys for a few months and then had to say goodbye to them again, sadly. Too much Covid around still. This is something that we still aim to re-start.

As a diocese, we in the ECCT said goodbye to Bishop Ian Douglas after ten years as our Diocesan Bishop, and then elected and consecrated our new Diocesan Bishop Jeffrey Mello.

All the while we participated in more outreach events than we had been able to in 2021. Beverly Becker describes this in her Outreach report.

As we head into 2023, I am now on three leadership councils in the ECCT: the Cathedral Chapter, the Hispanic Ministry Network and the NW Region

Leadership team. The region now has a new missionary. Her name is Deborah Tickell and she seems off to a good start.

And, lastly, we are saying goodbye to the Rev. John Carter who has been our Hispanic Missioner since 2017. At the end of this month we have good hope that we will have a new Hispanic Missioner on board. Our Misas in 2022 were well attended and as the year came to a close we had a lovely dinner on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Hispanic and English speaking congregations together. Those who attended enjoyed connections with people from both congregations. I have a feeling that we'll be seeing more of Padre Juan too in the days to come!

Many, many thanks to all of you for your participation, leadership, contributions and thoughtful care of each other and our communities.

When we ask God to let us dwell in the House of the Lord forever, we are asking for the peace and joy we experience in worship and parish events to continue for the rest of our lives. We receive inspiration and communion with Jesus Christ from the sacraments, and we experience beauty from our music. These elements draw us together and strengthen our faith for the days and years to come.

God love you,

Pastor Heidi

## Parish Statistics 2022

### **Parish Statistics for 2022**

#### **Baptisms:**

Henrik Richard Sandberg                      August 13

#### **Burials:**

Rex Woodgate                                      May 19  
Leoni Butler\*                                        June 4  
Roger Bradley\*                                      June 17  
Herbert Lee\*                                         June 18  
Laura Keefe\*                                         July 15  
Mary Sager\*                                         September 17  
Jane Ellen Canfield                                October 7  
Betsy Howie                                         December 10

\* denotes services not held at Trinity Church

**Average Sunday Attendance in person** 43  
**Average Attendance Sunday services online** 39 (this includes  
**both live and during the week)**

**Easter Attendance:**

**In person: 179**  
**Online: 87**

**Christmas Attendance:**

**In person: 123**  
**Online: 104**

**Misa Attendance: 251 (average 23 per service) (live only)**

Respectfully submitted,

*Pastor Heidi Truax*

## Wardens' Report

January, 2023

As we enter our third year of Covid we are all slowly coming back to a new normal. We are learning to live with this virus while supporting each other and worshiping with joy and a profound appreciation of our many blessings in getting through these years relatively unscathed.

Our streaming community is going strong and has been such an unanticipated blessing. Covid forced us to think out of the box and streaming is here to stay. Heidi has been the bedrock of our efforts. She has rolled with the punches, and they have been many, with quiet grace, humor, and a lot of hard work. Thanks to the continued efforts and outreach of Christine Gevert, our Music Ministry has continued with our small but devoted choir and guests. Hospitality on Sunday is streamlined but back. Being able to worship, then visit with each other feels so good. Our Hispanic ministry is going strong and will continue even with the retirement of John Carter, to whom we owe much.

I also would be remiss if I didn't thank Geoff Brown for all he does, much of which is behind the scenes. Besides being our Sunday Verger and keeping the cats herded and the rota done (I thankless job, I know), he also facilitates the Sunday streaming, the Trinity Update, the annual meeting and reports, and, as church historian, has provided much insight into our past which helps tremendously as we chart our course for this coming year.

The only fly in the ointment, and there's always at least one, is the budget. Thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, M.E. Freeman and vestry member, Al Dorf, we have a streamlined budget with a deficit, but a smaller one than we worried we might have. As inflation has caused all of our goods and services to rise, so have Trinity's. We are the strongest Episcopal church in the northwest corner and hope to stay that way. Please give as you are able while remembering that our Trinity family is here for you and plans to be here for many years to come.

With profound thanks,  
Linda Lloyd  
Sr. Warden

## Treasurer's Report

### **2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND 2023 BUDGET**

The good news is that we ended 2022 in the black and entered 2023 with funds on hand in our operating accounts and in our capital expenditure account. Our only long term liability is the loan we received from the diocese during the pandemic. The principal balance of the loan as of December 31 st was \$15,000 and we will continue to pay it off at a rate of \$500 per month plus interest.

The first reason for this good news is that virtually all 2022 pledges were paid by December 31 st and we have since received or expect to receive very shortly the remaining pledge payments. The second reason is that some of our parishioners paid more than the amount of their 2022 pledges and we also received several welcome non-pledge gifts. We used a small portion of those gifts for special projects such as the purchase of new chairs for Walker Hall and badly needed new choir robes.

The other news is that our 2023 budget shows an operating deficit of \$14,320. This is largely due to the recent dramatic increases in the cost of oil and electricity and to relatively modest increases in salaries for 2023. The vestry is currently considering measures to address the projected deficit during the course of the year, and it may be that the costs of oil and electricity going forward will not remain as high as they are now. It is worth noting that Trinity has had deficit budgets in the past and has always prevailed. We had an operating deficit at the end of 2021 which we overcame in 2022 and I hope that we will be able to do the same in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.E. Freeman

## Flower Committee Report

### 2022 Trinity Flower Report

The flower committee, Heather Chapman, Tom Schindler, Judith Sherman, Marilyn Anderson, Marian Beers, the Sisk family and myself arrange flowers on the Saturday before Sunday services. During Lent, during Lent, greens and on the fourth Sunday of Lent daffodils were placed in the windows. For Easter Sunday the church was decorated with lilies, cut flowers and the poles were decorated. During Advent, greens were placed. The week before and the week of

Christmas the church was decorated with poinsettias, carnations, and candles in the windows with baby's breath. The poles were adorned with flowers, ivy, and candles. Candles were placed at every pew. The flowers are offered up to God and are in the memory of a loved one. The usual donation is \$50.00 with a note to Nancy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa Kenny, Flower Chair

## Altar Guild Report

**Altar Guild:** Theresa Kenny, Mike Cuoco and myself handle the 10:30 a.m. service. Janet Walker handles the 8 a.m. service. A meeting was held on July 9th, 2022 to explain the technical name of things and what they were used for. November 12th, 2022, we had about a dozen people come together to polish brass and silver on. I was very nervous to be head of the Altar Guild but working with this team makes my job so much easier. Thank you all, Pastor Heidi too.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Becker, Head of Altar Guild

## Adult Christian Formation Report

### Adult Christian Education

We had a very active year of Bible Study, all of it on Zoom. That worked out so well for us that I think we'll just continue for the foreseeable in this manner. We gained a couple more participants this year and there are some who "stop by" occasionally when they are able.

The Rev. Marilyn Anderson also led us in a book group discussion on Zoom in March. The book was *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit*.

Here are the Bible books we studied this year:

1 and 2 Thessalonians

Exodus

Gospel of John

Gospel of Mark

Joel

Habakkuk



and we completed the year by studying the Advent Epistle readings from our Lectionary.

One departure from our regular routine was to study the High Holy Days of the Jewish faith at the end of September and beginning of October. Our Bible Study member, Toni Siegel, led us in these studies and her Rabbi also came to one of our zoom meetings and played the Shofar for us. It was very cool!

In Bible Study we try to alternate between study of the Hebrew scripture and Christian scripture and thereby hope to explore many different literary styles and historical time periods.

What's next? We are currently diving into history again with the First Book of Kings.

We meet on Thursdays at 1 PM on Zoom. Come and see! And if you are interested in more book group meetings please let me or The Rev. Marilyn Anderson know.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Heidi Truax

## Sunday School/Youth Report

### **Sunday School Report**

We had a wonderful year of Sunday School in 2022. The Frost, Sisk and Kenny families were in attendance at various times when they were available. We had some fun and memorable activities as well as studying the readings from the Sunday lectionary and continuing to do an overview of the Book of Common Prayer.

We colored "illuminated manuscripts", we had puppet plays to demonstrate a couple of the stories of Jesus and his disciples. We drew maps and found the important places in the life of Jesus on our map of the Holy Land, and we made a very long timeline on newsprint to demonstrate the history of the Bible and the history of the world.

In June we had a very fun and informative person visit our Sunday School just before he returned to his home in Pakistan. He told us about his faith, Islam, and about the culture and way of life in his country. He had been here as a foreign exchange student and had studied at HVRHS for the school year.

In the fall we studied Prophets and Parables and that culminated in October with making bread for use at Holy Communion. We made votive candle holders for our shut ins for Advent and then turned our attention to the Christmas Pageant which this year was a presentation of a book, *The Worried Wiseman* by Susan Eaddy.

Michelle Sisk wrote the script for the pageant, and we all scrounged for costumes. It turned out quite well and I think the children had a good time with it. A big thank you to everyone who worked on, and acted in, the pageant this year! The author of the book wrote to us after having seen the pageant on YouTube. She said:

*“I was so delighted to finally have the chance to view your Christmas pageant. My heart swelled when I saw so many in your congregation of all ages taking part in the story. Your member did a wonderful job of writing a script from the book. It flowed well and was true to the tale. I especially loved the creativity in your costumes. Nubia was delightful, and your solution for Gaspar and Balthazar’s animals was adorable. The casting of Melchior worked perfectly! Please give all of your cast members my hearty congratulations on creating a memorable (and adorable) pageant. Warmest wishes, Susan Eaddy.”*

I’m looking forward to another great year of Sunday School in 2023. Who knows where the Holy Spirit will lead us this year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Heidi Truax

## Outreach Ministry Report

**Outreach:** We brought back some of our functions as we slowly come out of the pandemic.

June 5th, 2022 The **Mutt Show** at Lime Rock to benefit Little Guild of Saint Francis. We made peanut dog butter biscuits. **Feed A Family of Four** was similar to last year. 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 then took it over.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** was finally able to be done inside, sitting down. We continued with take-outs with 38 meals, 41 deliveries and approximately 50 meals eaten at tables. With a staff of about 20. On Friday, 25 meals were delivered to Wangum Village, in time for lunch. Many thanks to the VFW Canaan 6851 for their support in letting us order our food wholesale, which

saved us a lot of money. And Paul Ramunni for playing music while they ate, and the Boy Scouts for putting out about 100 fliers.

**Food Basket** - Every week on Friday Barry Anderson comes by Trinity to pick up the food that people have put into the basket outside (or inside) 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 joined up with the Salisbury Congregationalists for the walk. Trinity Church raised \$2,774.50 this year and the total for the Walk was \$36,410.72. We have been able to make significant donations to food banks this year because of everyone's generosity. The local food banks will receive about \$9,000 of the amount raised here.

**Tree Lighting:** On December 3rd, 2022, Trinity again had lights put on the large tree thanks to Perotti Tree Company. We had John Lloyd's freshly made donuts and hot cocoa. There were about 25 participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Becker, Chairman of Outreach

## Communications Report

### **Communications: 2022 Report**

This report, combines the former Verger's Report and Communications Report, as well as the Video Production Report of past years. It reflects a new reality: smaller in-person attendance at Trinity services (and at church services in general) and other functions, coupled with a wider geographic footprint, addressed digitally.

We strive to make Trinity a welcoming community for both our Far-Flung Flock and for those who worship with us in person, and we strive as well to communicate effectively with our larger community, local and beyond.

Verger's summary: There have been no changes of substance this year in the Verger's duties as such and none are currently anticipated.

**Communications** is the main thrust of this ministry.

**Our livestream**, via locallive.tv, is our principal streaming vehicle, although we can still stream ad hoc via YouTube or even Facebook if/when needed.

After each livestreamed service, we download the stream, edit it a bit, and upload it to **YouTube**, ensuring it is permanently available. Our YouTube channel, @trinitylimerock, now has 94 subscribers, up from 85 last year and 62 the year before. Particularly successful this year was livestreaming memorial services, and those of the Betsy Howie and Rex Woodgate services were among the most-viewed videos both on livestream and on our YouTube channel for the year. Other popular videos included Ash Wednesday and “A Prayer for Ukraine.” All-time, *Pie Jesu*, sung at Trinity by the American Boychoir, now has nearly 10,000 views, and in second place is the video of our own 2007 Palm Sunday service, with nearly 8500.

During the year we prudently discontinued our **Twitter** presence.

The website, **trinitylimerock.org**, continues to evolve. We now publish a post each Sunday morning with information about the day’s activities and links to them. We anticipate adding more features to the site with the Far-Flung Flock in mind, including the ability to easily submit prayer requests online. It may be time to refurbish the site with a new layout, typography, etc. Your suggestions are appreciated!~

The **Trinity Update e-mail newsletter** continues to appear weekly, and now regularly includes the **Rector’s Letter**. Circulation is flat to 2021 at roughly 320.

**Zoom** is now an accepted way of meeting at Trinity. The weekly Bible Study is now 100% remote via Zoom. Sunday Coffee Hour is hybrid, permitting remote attendees to interact with those physically present in Lime Rock. Vestry meetings are hybrid. The Annual Meeting will be hybrid this year.

**Facebook (and Instagram)** are occasionally useful to increase visibility in the larger community. Our presences in the “Meta” world are:

--Facebook Group – 126 members (up from 106 last year)

--Facebook page -- 543 people followers (up from 438).

--Gallery Facebook page – 336 followers.

--Instagram account – Currently 1664 followers, up from 1539 last year and 1410 the previous year.

**Print Advertising:** The *Lakeville Journal* remains as the principal print advertising vehicle for the parish, and we especially appreciate the editorial coverage they give us. They are a wonderful resource for the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown

## Diocesan Convention Report

### **The Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Jeffery Mello**

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Mello was ordained and consecrated Bishop of Connecticut this year. Pastor Heidi and Rev. Marilyn Anderson were part of the procession. It was an impressive sight. All clergy and bishops wore red vestments. There was excellent music. In Bishop Mello's address he stated:

God is good, all the time. What I am here to do today is say two things: one is wherever you come from today consider yourself home. Whatever Church you come from today this is your church and if it's been a long time since you've been in a church, this is your church. Wherever you are on your journey with God, know that today you are welcome and you are invited here. I want to correct one thing that was said in the sermon, you so beautifully said that Jeff will love these people and I'm here to tell you this morning that friends I already do. I already do. I love you and I feel very blessed to be your next Bishop. God bless.

My impression of Bishop Mello is that he is a very passionate, spiritual, humorous, authentic person.

### **The Diocesan Annual Convention which was held on November 4th & 5th, 2022 in Hartford, CT.**

Present from our Parish were the Rev. Heidi Truax, our Diocesan delegates, Bev Becker and Jim Conzo, and the Rev. Marilyn Anderson.

Bishop Mello said

Thanks be to God. May it ever be so. You might be wondering just what a Bishop Diocesan has been doing who has been consecrated for 3 weeks. What he might have to say at a convention address. There isn't a great deal of experience on which he can draw nor has there been much time to put anything new into place. If you came this afternoon or are watching for a grand reveal of a new plan, new initiative, new programs, or anything new, I'm afraid you're going to be sadly disappointed.

Bishop Jeff needs to get to know us better and we need to get to know him better and deeper. Getting to know each other better and deeper is our shared work. That is quite simply the agenda for the next season of our shared ministry. One refrain I have heard more than once since those first days before the Slate meeting was announced, to the day of my election, to the times I have spent with you, is the refrain of "Is he for real? Is he for real?" And I would like to stand in front of you today and promise you I am in fact for real. Friends, you will have to come to that conclusion on your own and you will need to see for yourself. To get to know you better I must listen to you.

Bishop Mello wants to listen to us deeply and trust him when he says tell me the truth that he means just that. He cannot do this incredible work that we have asked him to do if he does not have all the information. So please, tell him the truth. He's listening.

Tell me about your fears and your anxiety, if that is your truth. I'm listening, for real. It is okay to be exactly where you are today. Please do not try to be anyone but who you are. Be good to yourself, be good to one another and God loves you abundantly and so do. I Let us take care of one another, to be kind to one another, to extend abundant grace and mercy to one another. Let us practice Mercy with those, the very same ones who are working our very last nerve. Christ's work is much too hard, to not be kind in doing it.

**Convention Resolutions:**

- 1> Budget of Convention – Passed
- 2> Clergy Compensation – Passed
- 3> The Merger of St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville and Grace & St. Peter’s, Hamden – Passed
- 4> The Merger of St. Pete’s, Monroe and Grace, Trumbull – Passed
- 5> Expressing Sorrow For Past Statements That Harmed Indigenous People – Passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Becker, Convention Delegate

## Hispanic Ministries Report

### ANNUAL REPORT OF HISPANIC MINISTRY AT TRINITY LIME ROCK

#### VECINOS SEGUROS

During 2022, we gradually phased out the gift card program. The needs did not appear to be as great as previous years. However, we were able to respond to several families who needed help urgently. By the end of the year, we stopped the program completely.

We were able to provide critical support in meeting the food needs of the Hispanic community in the region. Thanks to Adamah Farm of the Elizabeth Friedman Center for contributing fresh vegetables to go along with the gift cards! Due to the contributions of many generous donors, VS was able to provide grants of \$2500 each to support the food ministries of The NE Community Center, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia, The Food Pantry in Lakeville and Fishes and Loaves in Canaan. There is a residual amount of

money in the VS account which will serve as an urgent need fund to support members of the Hispanic community. --The Annual Financial Report of the Parish contains information about the income and expenses of both VS and the Misa.

Many thanks to Esperanza Nuñez and Jacky Morales who helped administer the distribution of gift cards over the last several years. Also, a special thanks to parishioners who committed themselves over the years to this important humanitarian relief and cross-cultural bridge-making.

#### THE MISA

We had 12 Spanish language worship services, “Misas”, during the course of 2022. Attendance was a little lower than the previous year, but the spirit was strong throughout. I am very grateful for the inspiring music provided by Sin Fronteras. In addition to music, the three members of this ensemble participated in the worship in important ways; sharing prayers, testifying and receiving communion. At the beginning of 2022, hardly anyone was coming forward to receive communion. By the last service on Christmas Eve, almost everyone came forward. The musicians led the way by example.

One special service in November featured a guest preacher, the Rev. Felix Riviera. Felix preached and I celebrated the Eucharist. He and his wife, Carmen, were warmly received by the congregation.

At the time of this writing, all signs point towards Felix becoming my successor as Hispanic Missioner. Pastor Heidi, Bishop Laura, Felix and I have been in conversation for several months about his call to this parish to serve the Hispanic community. Felix is a Deacon in the Episcopal Church of Connecticut. He is fluent in Spanish and English and will bring a zest to the worship.

I am very pleased and excited that Trinity Lime Rock will be able to continue its vital ministry to the Hispanic community. I will do whatever I can to support his efforts. Thank you Deborah Carter and Heidi Truax for your indispensable help in setting up the service and then tidying up afterwards.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Heidi, the Vestry and the congregation for supporting me as your Hispanic Missioner. It has been a privilege and joy. And it has provided me with an opportunity to be useful to a community that has my heart and that appreciates connection and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

John F. Carter+

## Stained-Glass Restoration Project

Aren't the windows beautiful? On June 12, we had a Celebration of the return of our restored windows. It was well attended by parishioners and members of the press. With the return and placement of the windows, the Committee has met its goals.

I have to say that we shouldn't forget that God's hand was in all of this. The stained glass, as in Medieval times, glorify God's house and God.

Thank you all for contributing in all sorts of ways and for your prayers.

Susanna Schindler

## Pastoral Care Team Report

The Pastoral Care Team continued to operate on the Buddy System in 2022 due to COVID. Noteworthy is the growth of Online Bible Study to help us maintain regular contact regardless of distance!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Taylor, Chair

## Art Shows

### **2022 Juried Art Show**

We had one Juried Art Show at Trinity in 2022, the first one since 2019. This show was open to all artists with an entry fee of \$30 per artist. 49 Artists entered and 101 pieces were hung in the main show.

Two Jurors selected all the pieces to be hung. They also awarded prizes, First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mentions. There was a Small Works Show, a Bin Entries Show and a showing of Artists Greeting Cards too.



The public and the members of Trinity Church, at the reception, had the opportunity to vote for the piece they liked the best, and after the votes were counted, the most popular work received “A People’s Choice Special Award”.

The Opening Reception was on Friday evening 5-7 p.m. July 1. The show continued July 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, noon to 4 p.m. each day.

The Jurors were Stephanie Haboush Plunket, the deputy Director and Chief Curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum and Lynn Kearcher, an Artist’s Assistant, and, who also collaborated with her husband, the artist Carl Chaiet, in the writing of three children’s books depicting his original characters.

The income for the 2022 Show was \$4009.17. The expenses, which included items such as advertising, artists sold painting profits, prize monies, and judge honorariums, etc. were \$2142.19. The income, less the expenses netted Trinity \$1866.98.

Thank you.

Mary Anne Carley, Chair of Trinity Juried Shows.

## Music Report

### **Music Report for Trinity Church Lime Rock for 2022**

This past year started slow, as Covid precautions required us to have a month of not singing, and only hearing the hymns played by the organ. Gradually we were able to resume singing in our services, and also rehearsing.

For our Holy Week and Easter Services we were able to have choral anthems and guest musicians again. On Good Friday: Lamentations for Baroque Keyboard by Froberger, Byrd and Philips (with Christine Gevert, virginal), Taize Song: In manus Tuas (In your Hands), Holy Saturday Vigil: Contemplative Hymns and Songs, The Great Exsultet Chant; Easter Sunday: Festive Easter Hymns, Verse Anthem à 6 by William Byrd "Christ rising again from the dead", Easter Motet à 5 “Angelus Domini descendit” (The Angel of the Lord descended) Attrib. to Leonora d'Este, with the Trinity Choir and Crescendo Singers, Sarah Melcher, soprano, Crescendo Period Instrument Players Christa Patton, harp, Anne Legêne, viola da gamba. For the first time we had a choir of twelve singers, which included guests from Crescendo, and Emma Sisk, a young singer from our parish.

For Pentecost we sang a 7-voice anthem by Thomas Tallis.

On Trinity Sunday our festive music included a trumpet concerto by Tomaso Albinoni, a chorus from Handel's Chandos Anthems, and a motet by Agostino Agazzari, an African American Spiritual, and contemporary bilingual setting of the mass by music director Christine Gevert. Our Trinity Choir and guest singers from Crescendo, were joined by Jeffrey Stevens, trumpet. We were joined by Jim Barrett, baritone, and Peter Perkins, tenor, both professional singers from the Crescendo Ensembles.

In August we performed motets celebrating the Virgin Mary: Heinrich Isaac (c. 1450–1517) "Alleluia. Assumpta est Maria" à 4, Andrea Bianchi da Sarzana c. 1590-? "Hodie Maria Virgo caelos ascendit" à 8, Juan Escobedo (c. 1470-1557) "Paradisi porta" à 6 with Crescendo Vocal Ensemble singers.

Our own Maurice Maddock led us in a Spiritual "This Little Light of Mine" in October, and Samuel Lord Kalcheim, from Salisbury substituted during my vacation.

We sang at Betsy Howie's Memorial Service.

In December our singers and guests led again the Caroling for the Tree Lighting.

The highlight of the year was our Christmas Eve Service, where we had the largest ensemble of musicians: our Trinity Choir with Guests from Crescendo – 17 singers, with Chris Belluscio, trumpet from Boston, MA. Rebecca Palmer and Jayne Segedy, solo soprano, and Jim Barrett, solo bass. At the Prelude we performed excerpt of the recent Crescendo concert "Resonet in laudibus" - Italian and German Renaissance motets and cantatas.

In 2022 we were able to host Crescendo's rehearsals and concerts again, as they slowly resumed. We hosted Choral and Chamber Music concerts in April, June, October and December.

We are still a smaller choir than we were before the pandemic started in 2020. And we continue to take precautions, such as wearing masks and rehearsing in the sanctuary with the air purifying system. These protocols, enhanced by rapid testing, are also observed by Crescendo ensembles. We are grateful for the dedicated and talented group of our own regular singers: Linda and John Lloyd, Tom Schindler, Kathy Drake, Gordon Gustafson, and occasionally Randy Orzano. And we are very glad to have gained Tivon Hall-Love as one of our regular choir members. Sarah Melcher from Crescendo has been a frequent guest singer and soloist, as is our section leader Jim Barrett, who joins us frequently for special services. Our small congregation sings actively, and Pastor Heidi's chanting is a gift to our services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gevert, Music Director

## Stewardship

### 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to report that, including 2023 pledges we have received and a very few that we are expecting to receive, we should have a total of approximately \$165,000 in pledges from more than 40 pledging units. Of this amount approximately \$10,000 is designated for capital expenditures. Practically all of our 2023 pledgers maintained or increased their 2022 pledges and we are particularly grateful for those who were in a position to increase their pledges. We would again ask those who have pledged to make their pledge payments over the course of the year rather than waiting till the end of the year so we avoid a cash crunch in December. We thank you for your continuing financial support. That is what enables Trinity to endure and continue its ministry as we move through our 150th anniversaries beginning in 2023 and continuing through 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.E. Freeman

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report

You may have noticed in the Trinity Update that we are currently in our three-year 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Our small committee has made a few key determinations, the most important of which is that we will have two major events to celebrate the anniversary.

First, Bishop Ahrens will be visiting us later this year to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. At this visit we will also consecrate the new Mary Chapel.

The following year, 2024, Bishop Mello will visit us to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of our church.

The year after that, 2025, is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what may be the most important event of all: our becoming a parish church in the Diocese of Connecticut. (This was an administrative proceeding at the Diocesan

Convention, so it's a bit difficult to create an event around it. We eagerly solicit your thoughts on how we might best mark that date.)

Ongoing through the Sesquicentennial, yours truly will continue the weekly history articles in the Trinity Update. At this writing, we are at a point in the story where the cornerstone has been commemorated, but shortly we will switch to a week a year format.

Additionally, several suggestions to further mark the anniversary are under discussion, and we will report on them as we go along. If you have a particular project you would like to undertake under the auspices of the Sesquicentennial, please speak to the Rector, either of the Wardens, Theresa Kenny, or the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Brown, Chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee

## Buildings and Grounds Report

2022 was a relatively quiet and uneventful year for Building & Grounds. We had one property clean-up to spruce up the grounds before the cold weather set in. New folding chairs were purchased to replace the aging chairs in Walker Hall.

The Mary chapel was painted and a shelf for the Madonna was installed.

John Lloyd and Gordon constructed a cover to enclose the livestream cables.

An energy audit was performed to identify things Trinity could do to save energy.

Gordon Gustafson