

The Trinitarian



JANUARY 2016



BREWSTER, NEW YORK

Pastoral Reflections—Pray without Ceasing

What does it mean to “pray without ceasing” (I Thessalonians 5:17)? There are many people and situations to pray for in the midst of our own lives and around the world. We would need to pray without ceasing every second to be able to name everything that we hold in our hearts. To pray without this kind of ceasing would be overwhelming.

Prayer is more than just an activity or something that we do. Prayer is a way of being and viewing the world. Prayer, at its very core, is about our attentiveness to God. Prayer is an affirmation of our belief and trust in the One who created us, who sustains us and who guides us. Prayer is our conversation with God and not as much about God.

To pray without ceasing is to be attentive to God’s place in our everyday lives – “*when I sit down and when I rise up...my path...my lying down...even before a word is on my tongue...behind and before me...at the farthest limits of the sea...*” (Psalm 139:2-5, 9). God knows us and searches us. God seeks our acknowledgement and our attentiveness.

We do pray quite a bit in the Church – prayers of confession; intercessions for a hurting people and world; prayers of thanksgiving and for help. Look in our Sunday bulletin to count the number of different kinds of prayers we pray each week. One of the prayers of intercession is often about our congregation – sometimes for specific ministries and other times more general prayers.

Other than during worship, how often do you pray for Trinity?

During December, I asked some of the leaders of the congregation to pray for Trinity – not just a general request, but rather to take a particular day during the month to pray for the challenges that we are faced with as a congregation (particularly, in terms of our financial resources).

I have expanded this for 2016. I am asking everyone who is a part of Trinity (member and nonmember, young and old) to make the commitment to take at least one specific date during this year to pray for the mission and ministry of Trinity. Since there are 366 days (it’s leap year), you are invited to take more than one. During your selected day, hold up this community of faith. You can name specific ministries we are doing, a vision for our future, the leadership of the congregation, etc. Look in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter for specific events taking place to pray for.

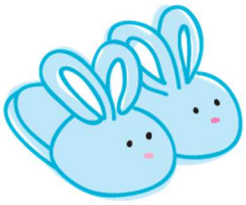
A 2016 calendar is posted on a board outside of Fellowship hall. Put your name on the date(s) you select, use an appointment reminder card so you can put it on your daily calendar, take a copy of one of the suggested prayers (if you’d like to use them). You might want to pick a day that is particularly meaningful for you – birthday, anniversary, etc. to help you remember. We will put in the weekly bulletin those who will be praying for Trinity during the upcoming week as another reminder.

In this way, we are *praying without ceasing* for Trinity. We are – together – attentive to the presence of God in our midst and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to be the church that God has created us to be.

So, will you join us in *praying without ceasing* for the Mission and Ministry (m & m) of Trinity?

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jen

**As of this day (12/17/15), 85 days
have at least one person praying for
TLC’s M & M (only 281 more days)**



**BREAKFAST AT TRINITY
“FIRST” FRIDAY
January 8, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

FEATURING breakfast and brunch food items

Wear your pajamas and/or slippers



Please let us know you are coming by signing up in the Narthex so we know how many to expect. Debbie Lyon

**Annual Congregation
Meeting**

Sunday, January 31, 2016

following the 8:30 AM service at
approximately 10:30 AM
(no 10:45 AM service)

See pages 3 & 4
for more information

Faith@Home

5-4-3-2-1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With the ticking of the clock, we embark into a new year, a new calendar with many unknowns. We make plans and make resolutions for all that lies ahead.

Talk about as a family, what your own New Year's resolutions are and why you are seeking to fulfill them. Think about ways that you can support one another in keeping your promises (without nagging!) Maybe – put it on your calendar

- + Have certain words or phrases that you use to remind someone of their promise
- + Draw a picture of you fulfilling your promise

If Jesus were to give you a New Year's resolution:

- + What would it be?
- + What would help you keep it?
- + How might it be reflected in your relationships with others?

But always remember for all those times we don't keep our promises that:

We are FORGIVEN and LOVED by Christ

*And given another day
to start anew!*



BESP

Your enthusiastic response to signing up for our first week of ministry (Dec 21-27 at the Brewster First Baptist Church) is really appreciated. **Our second week of service will be at the First United Methodist Church from January 11 to January 17.**

Those without a warm place to sleep are met nightly at 8:45 pm by the paid overnight supervisor in Brewster and escorted to the shelter's location, which rotates among four churches.

Please check your calendars to see if you can help. We also need boxer underwear, t-shirts, warm socks, warm gloves. **(We have more than enough toiletries at this time.)**

Please contact Gail Pease (h) 845 225-8921,(c) 845 629-1963, gpeasesoar@aol.com or Irene Germain (h) 845 225-4698,(c) 845-260-5385 (no reception at home), irene6174@comcast.net.

God's blessings... Gail & Irene

This season BESP, our interfaith temporary homeless shelter, runs December 7, 2015 through March 27, 2016. Trinity's remaining weeks are January 11-17 at the Methodist Church and February 22-28 at the Baptist Church.

John Castle (Brewster First Baptist)–chair

Don Cuomo (Trinity)–treasurer

Gail Pease (Trinity)–board

Irene Germain & Gail (Trinity)–co-coordinators of Trinity's ministry

Charlie Germain & Tom Pease (Trinity)–assistants

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is the primary legislative session of our life together. Although it may seem odd to be voting on ministry, we are governed and led by the decision-making that happens at this assembly each year.

There will be **one worship service only at 8:30 AM**. Following worship, our Affirmation students will serve their delicious egg sandwiches, and we will reconvene at 10:30 am for the Annual Meeting.

There will be NO 10:45 worship service on January 31st.

Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, January 24 and at the meeting on January 31. The agenda for the meeting includes the election of Council and Nominating Committee members and approval of the budget for 2016.

Voting members are confirmed members who have communed **and** made a contribution of record in 2014 or 2015. Beginning on this page of the *Trinitarian* is a list of our current voting membership, to the best of our knowledge. Please speak with council president Don Icken, Pastor Jen, or Amy Finney in the church office if you have any questions about voting membership. Ten percent of our voting membership will constitute a quorum for the meeting. At the time of the writing of this report (December 28, 2015), there are 218 voting members, meaning a quorum of 22 is required. The vote on the budget and election of Council and Nominating Committee members each require a simple majority vote.

Your presence at this meeting is important. Please read the Annual Reports carefully, prepare questions and comments, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and attend ready to fulfill the joys and responsibilities of congregational membership.

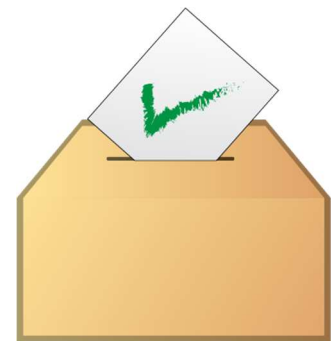
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Joy Baggetta	Paul Doster
Jeanette Baldanza	Christian Duben
Joseph Baldanza Jr	Heather Duben
Lauren Baldanza-Giacomelli	Juliette Dudowitz
Dorothea Baratta	Steven Dudowitz
Ellen Bell	Joanne Dzibela
Laurie Bell	Scott Dzibela Sr
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Cyndi Bertone	Lillian Eberhardt
John Bertone Jr	Debbie Efferen
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Joseph Bettcher	Eric Fendt
Lorie Bettcher	Fred Fendt
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Pamela Carlson	Barbara Goos
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Hilde Christofori	Shari Grillo
Carrie Cioffi	Eric Halbekath Jr
Franklyn Commisso	Eric Halbekath Sr
Mary Beth Commisso	Joanne Halbekath
Amy Conroy	Veronica Hansen
Liam Conroy	Debra Harlin
Erin Corbi	Claudine Hayes
Linda Cowen	Lawrence Henry
Thomas Cowen	Connor Heuschkel
Heather Coyle	Lynne Heuschkel
Albert Cuomo II	Alison Hildreth
Angela Cuomo	Donald Icken
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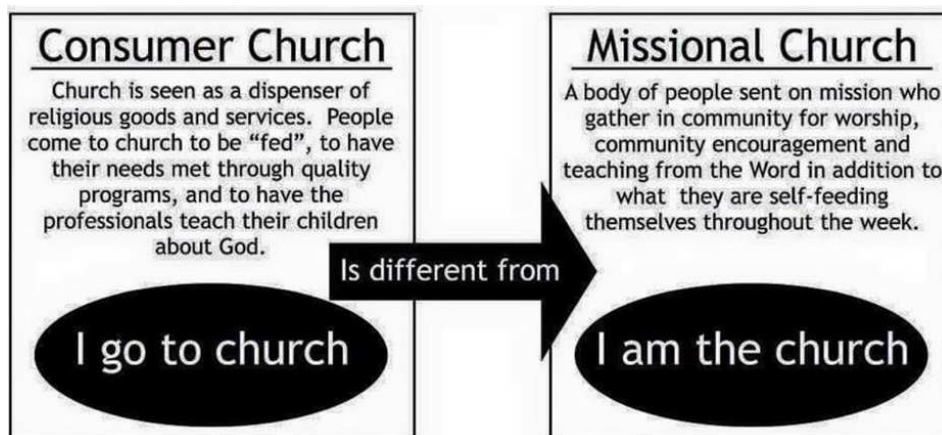
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STEWARDSHIP—What is it worth to you?

The Christmas buying season was all about the sales – from the preholiday to black Friday and on to the post-Christmas bargains. We love to find a deal, get a discount or the most for our money. Yet, I know, at least for me, there are a few things that I will spend a little bit more on because of the quality of the item. Usually this is because it will last longer or holds greater value or more meaning.

What is it worth to you?

Unfortunately, in today’s consumer culture, the Church has become just one more commodity for us. Yes, we do “shop” around to find a fit for ourselves and our family. Sometimes it is because of the denomination (though this is less true today than it used to be); other times it is because of the ministries that are offered for ourselves or for our children; or it may be the “feel” of a place when we visit.

What is it worth to you?

We invest in what we hold of value and importance in our lives. We give of our time, resources and abilities to that which is central to our lives. If you were to look at your calendar and your checkbook, what does it say about what is important for you? Food? Home? Clothing? Other things?

A challenge and the concern for our congregation right now is financial – despite how we might not want to talk about money at all in the church. The reality is that we need a variety of resources in order to live out the mission that has been

entrusted to us. Simple things like bills for heating, office, supplies, insurance and the like enable us to be stewards of that mission. The less resources there are, the more that we have to cut back on ministry, the less we are the Church that God created us to be.

What is it worth to you?

Stewardship is about trust. Our lives, relationships, material resources and the like are entrusted into our care by God. We are given responsibility for so many different things in our daily lives. They are “loaned” to us by God to use wisely and faithfully. What does your own stewardship of all your blessings look like? What receives more care than something else?

Our faith is not just one more commodity along with everything else. Faith is a gift that infuses all the other aspects of our lives. It gives value, meaning and purpose to our blessings. Faith is the lens in which we look at everything.

How does our faith shape our stewardship? How is being a part of a community of faith reflect what we value, what is important to us? These are tough stewardship questions, but ones in which we are each challenged to answer for ourselves.

Would you be willing to share your reflections with others about these questions – either in written form or in a temple talk? If so, please contact Pastor Jen.

Sunday School January News

Happy New Year!! As we enter into 2016, we continue with our SCS classes and look forward to continuing learning about the Bible, the basic lessons that our Lord taught during his brief time on earth, and being part of the Trinity family in the community. As we enter into winter please listen to WHUD (100.7 FM) for any SCS Closures or delays due to weather.

Jeanette Baldanza,
Sunday School Superintendent

WELCA is looking for the FRONTS of Christmas cards that you are discarding. Please place them in the gift-wrapped carton in the back hallway (by the downstairs bathrooms). Thank you!



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Thursday Morning WELCA Group Winter Schedule

During the winter months we met less often. We extend an invitation to all ladies to join us.

We will be meeting:

January 7 at 10 AM for Bible Study with Debbie Lyon as our study leader

January 21 at 12:30 for lunch at Mama Rosa's Restaurant

February 11 at AM for Bible Study with Irene Germain as our study leader

February 18 at 12:30 for lunch restaurant to be decided
In March we will meet for a Lenten Study for three weeks, with Pastor Jen leading us:

March 3 – 10 AM Lenten Study

March 10 – 10 AM – Lenten Study

March 17 – 10 AM – Lenten Study

Irene Germain, Irene6174@comcast.net
845-225-4698; Marge Westerville,
Margerw01@gmail.com, 845-855-5593

Faith Formation for Adults

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BIBLE STUDY (7:00-8:00 pm) All are welcome to join us. (Does not meet Wednesdays when there is a council meeting.)

FIRST THURSDAY of each month **Bible Study** at WELCA meetings, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall, beginning in January

YOUTH GROUP

If your 6th-12th grade child(ren) is interested or if you or they would like to be included on the e-mail contact list, please let Albert (tgoblondie@aol.com) and Lauren (ickenlauren@gmail.com) know. Albert Cuomo, Lauren Icken, and Joy Baggetta

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Sunday Morning WELCA Group

Coordinators: Joanne Icken
(jicken@yahoo.com) &
Heidi Kuhland (CraftierQ@aol.com)

♪ JOYFUL NOISE ♪
CHILDREN'S CHOIR ♪
 Meets about 9:20 AM in
 Shepherd's Hall
 with Joy Baggetta



Children in Sunday School (Pre-K through 5th grade) may participate in this group, singing pre-arranged songs for performances at worship services throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Sundays in Shepherd's Hall 9:20 AM-9:45 AM. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or just join us. Please contact Joy Baggetta (joy_baggetta@hotmail.com) for more details.



Worship Assistants

Assisting Ministers, Readers, and Ushers NEEDED

Trinity is blessed to have a number of people who enrich our worship services by acting as ushers and assisting ministers—but **we need more help in those areas**. Do you think you might be called to give a little of your time to serve in one of these roles? It's not difficult. It doesn't require a big commitment of time. You come to worship anyway, so why not think about participating in a new way!

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider it in your heart. If you have questions about what's involved, speak with Mary Beth Commisso. If you'd like more information, contact Mary Beth Commisso, Dawn Morello, or Pastor Jen.

Thank You to

- + A special thank you goes to our Minister of Music, Dr. Franklyn Commisso, for coordinating special music
- + All those who helped beautify our Sanctuary
- + Kathie Ruhs and Linda Salinger, Trinity's Flower Fund Secretaries
- + Special music director Ray Lutz for the Folk Choir
- + Trinity Brass musicians: William Lemak, Thomas Lemak, Jack Titcomb, and Nichole Daskalakis
- + Joy Baggetta for directing the Joyful Noise Children's Choir
- + Those who performed special music on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Mary Beth and Franklyn Commisso, Brian Stringer, and Michael Stringer

Senior Choir

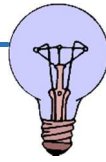
Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Please contact Franklyn Commisso for more information.

Altar Flowers 2016

The chart for 2016 is posted in the narthex. Flowers may be taken home after Sunday worship or left to beautify the altar. You may designate the gift as a memorial or thanksgiving gift. Sundays may be shared with other donors, reducing the \$30/week cost. You may also give a general gift to the Flower Fund. Contact Kathie Ruhs at 845-277-8012 or Linda Salinger at 845-277-5345 for more information.

January Worship Schedule

Sun, Jan 3	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Jan 7	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Jan 10	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Jan 14	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Jan 17	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Jan 21	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Jan 24	Holy Communion, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Jan 28	Holy Communion/Spoken Worship, noon
Sun, Jan 31	Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m. ONLY, followed by annual congregational meeting (no Faith Formation classes)



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Once again I would like to thank Scott Dzibela and his wife Joanne on an excellent job of overseeing the contractor, Burdick Blacktop, to replace the sidewalks around our church. It looks terrific. Thanks again Scott and Joanne and Burdick Blacktop for a job well done. The owner Eileen Burdick and her son Fred, who ran the project, gets a second big THANK YOU as well for not only doing a very professional job, in addition saved us a lot of money as well. If you need any job done around your house, please consider giving Burdick Blacktop a call. It looks terrific as I said and it bears repeating. Also I would like to thank all those who have made some wonderful contributions for the project. Over half the money that was needed has been donated by some of our wonderful members. Praise God for your generosity. It is so gratefully appreciated. If you would like to help support this project your donation would be most humbly accepted. Please indicate on the check memo line: BIF/Paving. We are so very blessed to have so many parishioners who truly love their place of worship. God's blessing on you all.

I would also like to thank Albert Cuomo and his family for the donated weeping cherry tree that is planted outside the Fellowship Hall near the oil tank. It looks really nice there. Can't wait until it starts blooming.

A friendly reminder, when you leave the bathrooms please turn off the lights. Also if you notice a light on and no one is using that room, please turn the lights off. It is very important to help us with this as it costs money. Your support is greatly appreciated. You may want to pass this info onto the rest of your family as well.

We will be holding our next property committee meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 PM to discuss the renovation of the windows in the Fellowship Hall. I would like to thank Karl and Marge Westerville for a terrific job in preparing a proposal to the Synod for this renovation. Their continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Don Icken, Council President in preparing the paperwork that was accepted by the Synod. More info to follow on this very important project. Some of our members have already committed to help with the cost. Again we are truly blessed.

God's blessing on all our wonderful volunteers. You are all greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Ken Mongold
Chair person, Property Committee

WHAT IS MY NEW CONTRIBUTOR NUMBER?

For 2016, ALL regular contributors have been assigned a NEW contributor number. We have dropped down to 200 box of envelopes, saving the church over three hundred dollars as part of our ongoing goal toward reducing expenses. Those who use physical envelopes on a regular basis are assigned a box of envelopes numbered within the range of 1 to 200. Those who contribute online, do not use physical envelopes regularly, or are visitors have been assigned a five-digit contributor number. This acts as an account number for recording contributions. **Please check the table in the narthex—if you do not have a box of envelopes, you have a letter providing your new number. PLEASE NOTE:** To ensure that your contributions are recorded and attributed to you correctly, **PLEASE CLEARLY IDENTIFY ALL CONTRIBUTIONS** with your name, address, and contributor number. This is especially important for cash contributions. If you wish to contribute to multiple funds in the same week, please mark your contribution accordingly, including General Fund, Mortgage, Building Improvement, or Festival Music. Pew envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the ushers. A list of contributors' numbers will be available in the narthex if you are uncertain of your number.

The cut-off date for 2015 contributions is December 31, 2015. It is also important for everyone to **DISCARD ANY UNUSED ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS** to avoid any possible confusion. If you have your contributions automatically generated by your bank, you should inform them of your new number. If you contribute online, your number will be updated in that system by the financial recording secretary, Stephanie Lyons. We greatly appreciate everyone's continuing contributions and everyone's patience as we make this change.

The Finance Team

Pledges for 2016

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE. If you have not completed one, there is still time! Blank cards are available in the narthex or contact the church office to have one e-mailed to you.

COMMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME—Total income is \$442 less than projections.

GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES—Total expenses are \$12,188 less than projected.

MORTGAGE FUND—Contributions are \$1,373.59 behind payments.

MONTHLY INCOME—November income was \$5,222 more than expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE*—Expenses were \$3,794 more than income for the year.

*Income includes two \$5,000 loans, one in March & one in August

Recurring or One-Time Gift Giving Online

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or a special one-time additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule or a one-time gift, visit Trinity's website,

trinitybrewsterny.org, and click on the "Offering" button, set up an account or "profile," and follow the instructions to complete your donation amount and frequency. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Lyons after church or email her at lyonss1@comcast.net.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

**YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT
(through November 30, 2015)**

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME			
Contributions	\$172,648	\$159,955	(\$12,693)
Other Income	\$19,725	\$31,976	\$12,251
Total Income	\$192,373	\$191,931	(\$442)
EXPENSES			
Benevolence	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
Pastoral	\$101,955	\$102,364	\$410
Education	\$4,166	\$2,955	(\$1,211)
Evangelism	\$116	\$436	\$320
Worship & Music	\$19,765	\$8,534	(\$11,231)
Administration	\$47,079	\$44,716	(\$2,363)
Property	\$28,804	\$31,202	\$2,398
Stewardship	\$489	\$0	(\$489)
Social Ministry	\$20	\$0	(\$20)
Fund Raising	\$20	\$18	(\$2)
Total Expenses	\$207,913	\$195,725	(\$12,188)
NET INCOME	(\$15,540)	(\$3,794)	\$11,746

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES (includes \$15,000 in loans)

January 1, 2015 balance	\$12,251
Current balance	\$9,017

MORTGAGE FUND

Contributions	Payments	Variance
\$37,852.41	(\$39,226.00)	(\$1,373.59)

Memorial Gifts

We are grateful for a contribution to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of John Simon from Sue Kaufman and of three hymnals dedicated to the memory of Dorothy P. Yessian, first confirmation class member, loving and giving wife, and mother from Jim Yessian, Laurie Bell, and Lynne Heuschkel.

Christian memorial gift is a contribution of money or property to some Christian cause in loving memory of a relative or friend. We give such memorial gifts on the occasion of a loved one's being called to Eternity, on an anniversary of the "Gift of Life," or on the remembrance or celebration of an event in the life of the departed one. Such gifts, given lovingly, honor the Living Lord, Jesus Christ. If you would like to contribute a monetary memorial gift to Trinity, there are forms available on the credenza in the Narthex. If you are interested in sponsoring an item, please contact the office for a list of suggested gifts.

We remember in prayer those who are

In the hospital, ill, recuperating from surgery, or undergoing medical treatment:

Brigitte, Lee, Augie Autieri, Tamara Bagen, Lisa Bagnati, Kitty, Barbara Jean Bennet, Patricia Berwind, Joe Bettcher, Nicole Bettcher, Michael Boyd, William Brown, Lilly Browne, Wendy Bucaj, Betty Buckmaster, Lynn Byrnes, Gail Cardella, Dorothy Carlson, Tamara Casablanca, Christine, Colleen, Erin Conroy, Helen Conte, Jon Cope, Linda Cowen, Ben Dalecki, Karen Delduco, Kathren Devine, Dilynn, Dominic, Gert Donovan, Lillian Eberhardt, Wayne Farber, Christine Gallagher, George Gilleo, Barbara Goos, Eleanor Greene, Alexandra Grimaldi, Eric Halbekath Sr, Thomas Ingate, Joe, JoAnn Johnston, Kelly Kern, Sally Kindt, Dick Kittle, Bob Koenig, George Kramer, Matthew Kromar, Pr Sandy Leifster, Raymond Maglio, Meg, Michael, Beth Maley, Hedy McCloskey, Dan McGill, Ziggy Mignanelli, Oliver Milton, Michael Montana, Karen Myerwold, John Noone, Pr. Paul Nordeen, Bob Obuck, Pr Garry Patrylo Jr, Ed Ranieri, Muriel Rapp, Elain Rigo, Nicholas Rogan, Ronnie, Larry Ruhs, Debbie Ruxton, Marilyn Schoeller, George Schwarz, James Sorge, Phyllis Sorge, Joe Stark, Meyer Steinhardt, Curt Stiles, Audrey Stone and Figo, Walter Straub, Michael Stringer, Meranda Sue, Grace Tadler, John Tadler, Michelle Tessier, Teddi Tom, John Torlish, Mary Torlish, Greg V., Henry Von Bargaen, Katherine Waldvogel, Jessica Wilkson, Gina, Cele, Marv, Arthur, Jeff

In hospice care: Eligio

Remembering the life of: Judy Gerfen, mother of Gary Gerfen

Wrestling with long-term health issues:

Moshen Alameldin, Morgan Andren, Judy B, Malcolm Beal Sr, Amanda Beneway, Gloria Bretone, Neal Brundage, Janet Canor, Tony Cardella, Nancy Cuomo, Deena Cox, Tom Curran, Glen DiSanto, Al Eberhardt, Priscilla Elz, Donna Ficara, Jim Fiore, Mollie Fitzpatrick, Margaret Fowler, Amanda

George, Catherine Henneforth, Sue Kaufman, Raymond Kiernan, Janet Kniffin, Ryan Lee, Allen McCaslin, Reneé McElroy, Thaine Manske, Virginia Mead, George Miller, Tanya Murgai, Regina Paulson, Katie Ray, Betty Rodda, Rosaleen, Riley Rushia, Sindy, Sally Sheets, Zack Small, Michael Smith, Kenneth Strawn, Kathy Sullivan, Josephine Talley, Gina Venezia, Glenn Wagner, Walt, Elizabeth Waugh, Cecilia Winters, Stephanie, Donna, Richard Yessian

Facing life's challenges: Kim Andren, Daniel Baggetta, the Banuelos/Cable/Lyon family, Wanda & Cliff, Della Arndt, the Bueti family, Catherine, Jeannie Graham, Terry Gregori, Larry Hampson, Logan Keane, Nicola Kenny, Matt, Bill & Debbie Logan, Anita Luhrs, Mary Jane McMahan, Ryan, Isabel Ranieri, Sue Rodriguez, Alex Smith, Barbara Sparkes, Katelyn Stufano, Kristen Sullivan, Michael Talarico, Jennifer West, Helga Whalen, Dave, Lisa, Jaimie Zeola

Serving in the Armed Forces: Michael Caitney, Dylan Cumpston, Adam Elliott, Phillip Gerhardt, Ron Hansen Jr., Dylan Kinsella, Pr Anthony Stephens, Adam Vieux, Jessica Woodall, all those in the service of our country, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their chaplains

Restricted to home/nursing home: Marge Christie, Gerrit Franssen, Lucy Hillers, Marian Langlois, Horatio Massatti, Marge Popham, Sylvia Rieg, Scott Werner

Attending seminary: Dawn Morello

Partnership Ministries: The Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; the Brewster Soup Kitchen (Brewster 1st Baptist Church) and Brewster Food Pantry (St. Andrew's Episcopal), Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership (BESP); local small business owners in challenging economic times

Servants of the Church: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and the Churchwide staff; Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod and staff; Pastor Jennifer Boyd, Deacons Charles Germain, Jr. and Dorothy Kafalas; Minister of Music Franklyn Commisso; Council members; Sunday School teachers, and worship leaders

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: To add a name to Trinity's prayer list, please complete a request form located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Names are usually listed for four weeks. Wednesday is the deadline for including names in the following Sunday's printed list. **Please contact Amy in the church office trinelutheranoffice@yahoo.com if a person should be moved to a different area of concern or removed.**

Personal Note from Pastor Jen & Michael

Michael is listed at Massachusetts General Hospital for a bi-lateral lung transplant. The surgical director for transplants has indicated that this could take place within the next few months (always dependent on Michael's health). The phone call could come at any time with little notice. Plans are tentatively in place for our absence for approx. a month when this takes place. We will let the congregation know as soon as we are able to do so.

Updates will be provided through:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelboyd> and/or the church office as able.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Laura DeFilippis 1/2
 Declan Howard 1/2
 Dawn Marinich 1/2
 Maxine Foley 1/4
 Dylan Torlish 1/4
 Zachary Duben 1/5
 Sara Corbi 1/6
 Julius Cesare 1/9
 Luke Morello 1/11
 Donna Porta 1/12
 Alex Alam El Din 1/13
 Dunlin Stathis 1/13
 Jennifer Rota 1/14
 Jeffrey Brown 1/15
 Jessica Griesinger 1/15
 McKenzie Callahan 1/16
 Sarah-Marie Alam El Din 1/17

Eric Halbekath Sr 1/17
 Robert Lee 1/18
 Stephanie Dudowitz 1/20
 Kylie Baker 1/22
 Caitlyn Parise 1/22
 Jake Groundwater 1/23
 Erin Markert 1/23
 Penny Litchfield 1/24
 Jennifer Morello 1/24
 Ryley Matos 1/25
 Kyle Steike 1/25
 Gail Emery 1/27
 Heather Larocchia 1/29
 Anna Stathis 1/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Connie & Mark Boldish 1/13

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in January and aren't on this list? Please contact the church office with the complete month-day-year information. Thanks!

THERE IS A NEW LIST OF ITEMS THAT TRINITY NOW RECYCLES FOR CASH!



Do you have shampoo bottles? Old cell phones? Used-up toothpaste tubes? Plastic #6 cups? Trinity has updated the list of items accepted for **Terracycle**. Please pick up a new green list from the narthex table—stick it on your fridge or inside your bathroom medicine cabinet to remind you of what you can empty, rinse, and bring in that can be turned into cash for Trinity AND not go into landfill! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY AND RINSE CONTAINERS.** For more information, please contact council member Georgina Marek.



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WEATHER OR NOT

Listen to WHUD (100.7 FM) for closings due to weather

AWAY THIS WINTER?

Please let the church office know your alternate address and effective dates to continue receiving the *Trinitarian* and other mailings over the winter. Thanks!

YOGA AT TRINITY

Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM AND Thursday nights 7:30-8:45 pm. Just bring a yoga mat and an open mind! All abilities welcome. Cost: Suggested donation of \$10. Donations exceeding \$10 will be donated back to Trinity. Contact Cyndi Bertone, RYT, at 279-8240 for more info.

PLANNING AN EVENT?

Please contact **Pat Wills** regarding any **PROPERTY USE** at 845-259-3138 or e-mail her at p.wills@comcast.net

Articles for the February *Trinitarian* are due **Mon, January 18**. Please email articles to Amy Finney at trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com

Office Hours: Mon to Fri, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PASTOR JEN'S CONTACT INFO

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WE'RE ONLINE!

Current issues of Trinity Weekly, the monthly calendar, and the *Trinitarian* are always available at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

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Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Spoken Word Worship
Thursdays at noon

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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



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| Fri, Jan 1 | New Year's Day |
| Mon, Jan 4 | Annual reports due |
| Fri, Jan 8 | "First" Friday Potluck Supper, 6:00 PM |
| Tues, Jan 12 | Property, 6:30 PM; Finance 7:30 PM |
| Wed, Jan 13 | Council meeting, 6:30 PM |
| Tues, Jan 19 | Education meeting, 7:00 PM |
| Tues, Jan 26 | Stewardship meeting, 7:00 PM |
| Sun, Jan 31 | Annual Congregation Meeting following
ONE service at 8:30 AM |

Remember to see the full January calendar enclosed as well



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