



## TRINITY TOPICS – 2024

### Warden's World

Happy New Year!!

As I review 2023 in the rear-view mirror, I highlight three momentous accomplishments. First is the addition of air conditioning in the Sanctuary. This has been a dream of mine every summer since 1978 when the family joined Trinity. Seemingly out of reach, partially due to incorrect estimates, combined with the lack of knowledge as to how the diocese would assist, attendees suffered. Total cost was \$96,710 paid by a \$29,120 grant from the diocese, a \$29,120 loan from the dioceses, and the balance from Trinity's endowment.

Second is the great progress of the new Memorial Garden. Long an eye-sore to anyone entering our campus from the front, we now are well on our way to creating a beautiful sanctuary for the Troy community and a safe place to spend time with loved ones. The hard scape is in place as well as the fall plantings. In the spring additional plantings will be added as well as lighting and placement of our plaque, fencing and benches. It is wonderful to see God's environment come to life in our presence.

Third is the completion of our revised website. This was a requirement in order to pursue the search for a new priest. Trinity owes Evanthia Owen a great thanksgiving for her continued and persistent efforts to bring this to fruition. Now the community can learn what we have to offer, livestream services, be informed about Trinity's ministries and stay up to date on coming events and publications. It is an impressive and professional package.

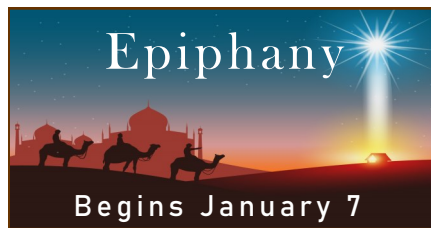
Coming in January will be our annual meeting on January 21, 2024. It will be conducted after our 10:30 Worship Service and lunch will be provided. Anyone who needs to provide reports for the meeting, please forward to Char by January 12, 2024.

Obviously, our biggest concern for 2024 will be the decision about selection of a new priest. We are fortunate to have Reverend Eileen agree to serve as our interim until the process is complete.

Be Safe, Be Well, We Love You

Jim





## WHY IS THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR

Our Calendar has been created in two cycles, each cycle is comprised of seasons.

The first cycle is called the Incarnational Cycle and is comprised of Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany. (Winter)

The second cycle is called the Resurrection Cycle and is comprised of Lent, Eastertide, & Pentecost. (Spring)

The remainder of the weeks are called the Season After Pentecost, it runs from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (the Sunday immediately following Pentecost) until the last Sunday before Advent (called Christ the King Sunday). (Summer & Fall)

As our calendar is in perpetual motion the beginning and continuing of the cycles are controlled by both rules of the church and the placement of dates. So for example:

### Incarnational Cycle:

**Advent** rule says Advent must have 4 Sundays, and the 4th Sunday must be followed by Christmas Day. When Advent begins in any one year depends upon this rule.

**Christmastide** is always 12 days beginning Christmas Day.

**Epiphany** can be 5 weeks up to 8 weeks depending upon the date of Easter.

### Resurrection Cycle

**Lenten** rules say that Lent is always 40 days, always begins with Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, one week before Easter.

**Easter Day** is a fixed (but different) day each year. Eastertide is always 50 days.

**Pentecost** (which means 50) is always 50 days from Easter and always a Sunday.

**The Sunday following Pentecost** is called Trinity Sunday (celebration of the Trinity).

**Time (Season) After Pentecost** is from the Sunday following Trinity Sunday until the Sunday before Advent 1).

### Colors are assigned to each

**Advent - Marion Blue** (season of waiting) or **Purple** (season of penitence)

**Christmas - White or Gold**

**Epiphany - Green** (also called Ordinary Time)

**Lent - Purple** (a time of penitence); **Holy Week - Red**

**Eastertide - White or Gold**

**Pentecost - Red**

**Trinity Sunday - White**

**Season After Pentecost - Green**

### Dates for 2024 Cycle and Seasons (Leap Year)

**Epiphany - January 7-February 13 (6 weeks)**

**Ash Wednesday - February 14**

**Palm Sunday - March 24**

**Easter - March 31**

**Pentecost - May 19**

**Trinity Sunday - 26**

**Season After Pentecost - June 2 through November 30**

**Advent - Sunday December 1 through Sunday December 22**

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 12/24; Christmas Day - Wednesday 12/25.**

# News to Know

## January Birthdays



Dan Swank (1/1), Alan Kappers (1/4),  
Wiley Smith (1/9),  
Brian Wilgus (1/29), Carole Van Osdol (1/30),

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM VESTRY 2023

Jim, our Senior Warden reported at the January Vestry meeting that he met with Nadia Marlarkey and the contractor regarding the Memorial Garden. A payment was sent to the landscaper to start the initial work. Work began on the Memorial Garden in May. Several contributions from the parish have been received for the project.

Kevin Kirsch, chairperson of the Pastoral Search Committee reported that he has talked with local leaders of Troy to get an idea of what Troy can offer in jobs, house, and other areas of interest to someone coming into our area. In February The Rev. Thornton met with Vestry to answer questions and regarding the Search Process.

Kevin is getting Priest Insurance Information from the Diocese. He is also looking at other churches' websites to get a 'feel' of what works. The Diocese requires a working website so interested priests can quickly find initial information about Trinity.

The Grant to install airconditioning in the sanctuary was submitted to the Diocese. The Grant was approved in May. At this time (December 31, 2023) the project is completed.

Formation: Several studies took place over the year: *Contemplative Prayer, Inquirers' Class, Radical Spirit, Teresa of Avila, Mary Magdalene Revealed: the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet.*

Building and Grounds: Evanthia Owen reported most of the lights in the sanctuary have been changed to LED bulbs, where possible. A broken window in the sanctuary was broken and replaced. Our Sexton, Walter Studebaker began work on repairing the moisture damage around the window wells in the Administration building. The roof of the building needs to be repaired and drains replaced. This was completed, and the new roof was completed. The Parking Lot needs to be patched. George Gutermuth and or Sexton, Walter Studebaker will formulate a plan to do what is necessary to be patched.

Outreach: Continued their quiet work of supporting areas agencies, such as Partners in Hope, Torrence Medical Fund, Ebola Orphans School in Liberia. Rummage Sales were organized by Millie Woryk and held throughout the year. Proceeds are donated to the Torrence Medical Fund. Outreach also made available flyers on Missing Children.

The Torrence Medical fund responded to several medical needs in the community.

Worship: Meets monthly to plan ahead the service schedule and speakers. The committee purchases or orders as needed altar guild supplies. They schedule Lector Training as needed. Services at StoryPoint were held one Saturday of the month by Trinity parish members.

Rev. Eileen wrote and organized a series of Creation Sermons, in September and October.

A Wednesday evening Celtic Prayer service is held weekly at 7:00 pm in the Workman Lounge.

Website: The need for a new website was brought up at Vestry in March. Evanthia and Kevin Kirsch explored options. A website designer was chosen. Evanthia worked with the agency over several months to create our new website. Evanthia continued to fine tune it and it is now "live".

The Stewardship campaign for 2024 launched October 9th. Ingathering was held November 12.

# Church News

## ANNUAL MEETING!

*It's that time for our Annual Meeting as we look back over 2023 and look forward into 2024. This **is** an important time for the parish look at the past year to realize all that was accomplished, and all that needs to be addressed in 2024.*

We know that God's love is constant and always present in our lives and at Trinity.  
It is important to be a part of going forward.

Please come to celebrate another year and bring your hopes and thoughts for 2024.

**ANNUAL MEETING—JANUARY 21, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**  
**(REPORTS ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12)**

## Building and Grounds:

The Parish Hall south door has been repaired and now closes.

Walter, our custodians is working on the plaster repair in the pastor's office now that outside work is not so time consuming.

The air conditioner unit for the sanctuary has been installed and work completed.

## THE LEAVES! THE LEAVES!



The church has purchased a Worx - Trivac Electric Blower/Mulcher/Vacuum. This will help Walter in leaf management. The leaves need to be mulched so we can put some of them around the trees. Some are mulched by the mower, some are put at the curb --- it is a many months project.

## TRINITY WEBSITE

[www.trinitytroyohio.org](http://www.trinitytroyohio.org)

It's been slow, and there is still a lot to learn and understand . . . .  
BUT, we are making progress on learning how to get around in the Website, make updates, and changes.

Thank you for your patience (and continued patience) as we work to get better at this! Char





Sherry Conard  
Inducted into  
The Society of  
St. Simeon  
and St. Anna  
May 17, 2023

# 2023 at Trinity

Elizabeth Rowland  
and  
Oliver Evans  
were Baptized  
on Pentecost,  
June 4.



Ben Anticoli in the Muse Machine  
production of *The Little Mermaid*.  
Ben also graduated from  
High School.



We have Acolytes!  
We are so blessed to  
have Alex, Javier,  
and Gregory Pfeiler  
as Acolytes; and  
Sam Pfeiler and  
Elizabeth Rowlands  
serving as Cross  
Bearers.

We mourned the loss of our member  
and friend, Jim Sleeper, in July.

We celebrated the 90th birthdays of  
both Phyllis Donahoe and  
Charles Begovich

It was reported at the October Vestry  
Meeting that Rev. Eileen has talked with  
the contact from the Diocese and has  
been approved to continue to serve  
Trinity through 2024.

RUMMAGE SALES —  
Millie Woryk reported that we took in  
almost \$1000 from the Rummages  
sales in 2023.



Nadia Malarkey, the  
person responsible for the design and develop-  
ment of our Memorial  
Garden, talked to us  
during coffee hour.



We have a new Bishop  
for the Diocese of  
Southern Ohio.  
The Rev. Canon  
Kristin Uffelmann White  
Elected 10th Bishop of  
Southern Ohio



Drive-by Pet Blessing  
October 7th

Pet Blessing  
during Worship  
October 8th



Kirking of the Tartans  
November 19

Christmas, 2023



## ON THE CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Rite II</b>
<b>WEDNESDAYS:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Celtic Evening Prayer:</b> A quiet time of reflection may be just what you need in the middle of the week.
<b>Monday, January 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Worship Committee (following service)</b>
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Building and Grounds Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday: January 27</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Outreach</b>
<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, January 15</b>	<b>9:15-9:45 am</b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer resumes</b> Via Zoom: Mtg ID 818 9854 4534 PW 438678
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Annual Meeting following the worship service.</b>

### IN THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



*From the Church Pension Group 2024 Cartoon Calendar*