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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How are we doing in our transition to a new normal as we begin 2024? I have heard that some people find virtual meetings provide more opportunities to serve on committees. So, people can still be an active part of the life of the Church even if they winter in Florida. In the Diocese, as well as in our Forums and worship services, hybrid meetings allow options in case of inclement weather. I notice

that more people are getting used to wearing masks without any drama, especially when the covid numbers get into the high category or when we feel it is wise to be cautious in crowded places.

A new normal has arrived and I doubt if life will ever go completely back to what it was before the pandemic began. We are learning to live in an environment that has changed. Of course, there are challenges, such as returning to indoor eating at the Canteen. We hope we can continue to gather for community meals, functions, and coffee hour. We are still struggling to find ways to minister to our youngest members and their parents.

In this new normal, the way we always did it in the past doesn't provide ready answers. Creative thinking is needed. A willingness to try something new and adapt is absolutely essential. In 2023 I am hoping we begin adding possibilities to connect both in person and online. Bible Study, Confirmation Class, even tuning in to Deacon Dorothy, who provides Compline every Wednesday night. The root of all of ministry is the desire to engage with others, hear their life experiences, and to grow in our faith.

There are programs offered by the Diocese and the National Church in which people might participate. The local Episcopal Churches, as well as other faith communities, are constantly changing. Just in the past few years we have seen a shift in clergy at Christ Church, Binghamton and All Saints, Johnson City and St. Mark's, Chenango

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## Fr. Glenn's Message (Continued)

Bridge. New pastors mean different perspectives, new ways of doing things, and a new or renewed focus on the priorities in the Church.

Where is God calling us? How is God leading us? I have always loved the collect in the Good Friday liturgy on page 280 of the Prayer Book. The gist of the collect says: *by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ.*

There is always hope as we go forward in faith, following our Lord, Jesus Christ! Happy New Year!

Glenn +

Celebrations			
Birthdays		Anniversaries	
		12	Georgia Bowman
		12	Caitlyn Hazen
		16	Susan Hanes
		16	Alan Robbins
		21	Beth Akel
	03	23	Sandra Michael
	04	24	Fred Alexander
	04	24	Vanessa Dupree
	05	24	Jody Zakrevsky
	06	26	Gwendolyn Van Dunk
	06	27	Barb Crowle
	07	30	Jean Henssler
	10	31	Hakan Tayga
	11		
			
		03 Hartman, John & Carol (58 yrs)	
		21 Aribisala, Teddy & Lea	

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the lists!

## CHOW



The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or by contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

## Bishop's Visit



On January 21, our bishop, DeDe Duncan-Probe plans to visit Trinity. DeDe will preach, and celebrate the Eucharist. We're planning for a reception following the 10:00 am service in order to provide time to meet with her socially. Stay tuned for updates!

## What is Christian Nationalism?

You've heard that the current Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, believes some weird stuff. You've heard the term "Christian Nationalism". You may be wondering how people who claim to follow Jesus can support some of the racist incidents that are reported in the media. And you're wondering what any of this has to do with you and your family.

What we're seeing is an ideology called Christian Nationalism. It is infecting many areas of our national life. But what is it? Who is involved? How do people who believe in Jesus get caught up in it? Where does Fox News fit into all of this? We should study it, but where do we start? What books/ websites/ newsletters/ podcasts can help?

Phyllis Amenda is starting a book club to study these issues. We'll be meeting the **2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 pm in the Common Room**. Phyllis has selected several books to start, but hopes that the group will suggest other works as the group progresses.

Tuesday, Jan 9 will be an introduction to the topic and introduce the first book, *Jesus and John Wayne* by Kristen Kobes Du Mez. Then, next month (Feb 13), we'll discuss this book and move on to the next one.

If you have any questions, talk to Phyllis. (Email: [drphyl@foldedcornerbooks.com](mailto:drphyl@foldedcornerbooks.com), voice/text: 607-768-2977).

I'm looking forward to discussing these important issues. *Phyllis*

## Nominations for Election at the Annual Meeting

Our Nominating Commission (Lea Aribisala, Nicole Huff, Barbara Crowle, Darlene Croston, Andrew Walkling, Dan Hill, Chair, and ex-officio members: The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey, Judy Peckham, Steve Crowle), is presenting the following slate of positions to be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting in January 2024.

Nominations may also be made from the floor, if the consent of the individual nominated has been obtained.

On the following pages are brief biographies for our candidates for Warden and Vestry.

### **Edris Boyll-Kuzia (Warden, first term)**



This is probably the last year that Edris can claim to be “a relative new-comer to the Binghamton area, and to Trinity.” She and husband Bob relocated here in the fall of 2017, and finally got around to looking for a church home about a year before Covid struck. As is true for other members, she was lured by the excellent music, and then found that Trinity was both warmly welcoming and sufficiently liberal to feel like home. She loves singing and ringing with the Trinity Choirs, and she and Bob enjoy the varied offerings of the Forum. She is currently serving on the Vestry.

Edris was born and raised Presbyterian in Knoxville, Tennessee. She is a violin and viola player, having graduated from Indiana University in Music Education, and Claremont Graduate School in violin. She plays violin or viola in the Binghamton Community Orchestra, and chamber music whenever the opportunity arises. She also sings with the Madrigal Choir of Binghamton.

She has lived in the Boston area, and most recently spent several decades in Southern California (Claremont), where she was a member of the United Church of Christ. She is retired from California public schools, having taught K, 1st & 2nd grades (sometimes bilingual, Spanish) and strings.

She has three children, scattered about the country, and five (soon to be six) grandchildren. This, of course, necessitates some travel! On the home front, she and Bob enjoy living, playing, and working on the land where he grew up in the wilds of Newark Valley

### **Kathryn Bailey (Vestry, first term)**



Kathryn has been a resident of Binghamton for the past two years, though she has spent many years in the Southern Tier. She is a lifelong educator, working currently as the Assistant Director of the Professional Learning and Innovation Center at Broome-Tioga BOCES. She is a former teacher with the Vestal schools, and former Director of Curriculum and Elementary Principal in Sidney, NY. Kathryn has been a member of the Trinity family for two years, and she sings with the Trinity Choir and the Madrigal Choir of Binghamton. She has two lively Siberian Huskies who insist on daily walks. In her spare time she travels, hikes, gardens, and indulges her proclivity for old house restoration.

Drawn to Trinity by its deep commitment to caring for its own and for those in need in the community, Kathryn looks forward to being able to serve others as a member of the Trinity Vestry.

### **Jim Gazda (Vestry, fill the unexpired term of Edris Boyll-Kuzia)**



Jim was born and raised in the Binghamton area. He has been attending this church for over 50 years. He has been serving as one of the worship leaders and eucharistic ministers at the 8 am service for as long as he can remember.

Jim has been involved with both the automotive and information technology disciplines for many years, leading to quite an interesting work life for many years. He is employed at BAE Systems working in Telecommunications currently.

Jim earned an M.S. from Syracuse University in Telecom and Network Management.

His hobbies include golfing, working on cars, house repairs and lawn care. He is always watching sports and listening to music.

Jim is looking forward to seeing what he can contribute to Trinity Memorial as a member of the Vestry.



## **Ginny Hill (Vestry, second term)**



Ginny is a lifelong member of Trinity. She is currently one of the usher coordinators and serves on the altar guild. She has served on the Vestry in the past and was clerk for clerk for 5 years. She also served on the Christian Ed committee for many years and taught Sunday School for about 15 years. In the past, she has been a convention delegate, has served on the Building and Grounds committee as well as on the Nominating Commission.

She retired from the Broome County Health Department in July of 2022 after 33 years and is very much enjoying retirement.

## **Sandra Michael (Vestry, second term)**



It has been Sandra's great joy to participate in all levels of our Church.

Beginning in 2000, she was elected to represent our Diocese at the triennial General Convention, and has done so ever since. Other national level service includes: Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology and Faith (ST&F); Convener of the Network for ST&F; two elected terms to the General Board of Examining Chaplains. At prior General Conventions Sandra served on the Legislative Committee of the Church Pension Group and was its

vice-chair in 2006. She is a former CNY Cathedral Chapter member.

At Trinity Memorial, Sandra is a past Vestry member and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; currently a member of the Finance Commission, chair of the Columbarium Committee, co-chair of the Library, and chair of the Stafford Scholarship Fund. This fall she took on the role of coordinator of coffee hour in hopes that we could revive this activity, which had to be shut down because of the Covid pandemic. She has especially enjoyed bringing aspects of the world-wide Evolution Sunday to Trinity Memorial and other churches.

In 2017 she retired from service as SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Dept. Biological Sciences, Binghamton University.

She relishes being on the Vestry again as we open up more to enjoy our beautiful church and our wonderful church family.

## Susan Thornton (Vestry, first term)



Susan is a cradle Episcopalian and was born and grew up in Rochester. She came to Binghamton in 1982 to pursue graduate studies in English Literature and Creative Writing at Binghamton University. She married her husband, Gerry Hough, in 1987, in Rochester, and they joined Trinity, with daughter Eleanor (born 1993), in 1996. Eleanor and her husband Phil, and their son Lucien (born 2022) will be returning to Binghamton in January, 2024.

Susan retired from her position as a French teacher in the Union Endicott School District in June 2023. Other teaching jobs include 8 years as a professor of English at Le Moyne College, and various adjunct teaching positions in Massachusetts and New York. Susan has published short fiction and poetry and a memoir about her first year in Binghamton.

Her interests in retirement include travel in the United States and abroad. In the summers of 2017, 2018 and 2019 she volunteered on the island of Lesbos, Greece, with a group that focused on the needs of the refugees who had come to the island. This opportunity allowed her to learn about the continuing worldwide problem of displaced people.

At Trinity she has served on the Forum committee and joined the Vestry in November 2022 to fill out the term of another vestry member. Susan looks forward to continued service to the Trinity Community.

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### Trinity Forum



The speaker originally scheduled for January 14 developed a conflict. The Forum Committee is working on an alternate presentation. Please watch for announcements for updates.

The Trinity Forum meets most Sundays from September to June at 11:30 am. Meetings will be held, health precautions permitting, in person in the Common Room, and will also be made available live, via Zoom. You can join remotely by going to [TrinityZoom.org](https://TrinityZoom.org). Please also watch the Sunday Bulletin for reminders and updates.



## Tuesday Group Lives!

The Tuesday Group met on Tuesday (of course!) December 12 for the first time in a year. It was great to see old friends, and at least one new. For the first time in our history, we have a gentleman joining our ranks. We hope he will be followed by more in these egalitarian times. In case you need any encouragement, let it be known we have pie!

Seriously, though, Tuesday Group has a long and glorious history, just about as long as Trinity itself. Back in the day (as they say), you had to be invited to join, and the group's President would visit you in your home. Then, as now, the ladies were engaged in Good Works. They made a famous clam chowder that was sold during Lent, they sewed clothing from patterns supplied by the Church World Service that was sent to developing countries overseas. For children's homes and families in need, they knitted a type of baby blanket called a Remsen Blanket. You start with one stitch on your needle and progressively increase the number until the blanket's full width is reached, then you decrease back to one. The end result is pliable and great for swaddling. I doubt the Baby Jesus had one, but if Tuesday Group had been around, he would have!

Members of Tuesday Group also sewed and embroidered for the church: the kneelers of the prie-dieux, the banners, cloths and priests' stoles. In fact, Tuesday Group lives in many of the objects around us we take for granted. These days, of course, with most younger women working outside the home and unable to meet during the day, the membership tends to be somewhat older. That fact, combined with Covid, has decimated our numbers in recent years. We are working hard to bring the group back to its full, useful life.

The meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> set out a preliminary program for the next nine months. We will be collecting toiletries for what we call a Love Shower for battered women's shelters and other places in need, and items for the local animal shelters. We will be making school bags for the Church World Service in the fall. We are also looking at something entirely new to us: an initiative to help with the relocation of pygmies in Uganda. They have been moved from their ancestral lands to make way for Gorilla tourism. This is outside our usual range of activities and will need a good deal of investigation.

We know we can count on the generosity of the Trinity Congregation, but we would also love to count on your physical presence! We will be meeting in the Common Room at 11AM on the FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, except for January, which will be JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>. It's very simple. We all bring a sandwich which we share on platters with everyone else's. The host brings a dessert. If we're working on a project like the Love Shower, we package things up, then we eat and chat. Give me a call if you plan on coming for the first time. We want to make sure to have enough pie! It's a well-known fact that dessert eaten in the furtherance of good works contains no calories.

*Louise Donohue (617 947 2284 or [francofemme95@mail.com](mailto:francofemme95@mail.com))*



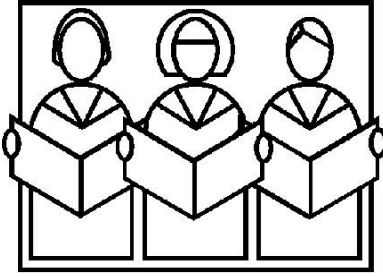
# Trinity Memorial Church

## Worship services ministries

<b>January 2024</b>	Altar Guild:	Roxe-Anne & John Lynn	
<b>January 7</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Ushers	No service Please join the 10:00 am service	Bruce Parmelee, Wilma Betcher
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		Greg Keeler
	Lector		Ken Lattimore
	Eucharistic Ministers		Greg Keeler, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer, Debbie Parmelee, Bob Peterson
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Joan Lacey
<b>January 14</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Ushers	No service Please join the 10:00 am service	Philip & Cynthia Evans
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Bill Palmer
	Lector		Bruce Parmelee
	Eucharistic Ministers		Bill Palmer, Phyllis Amenda, Daniel Aribisala, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Sandra Michael
<b>January 21</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Ushers	No service Please join the 10:00 am service	Louise Akel, Barb Manzo
	Acolyte		Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Bob Peterson
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Bob Peterson, Phil Evans, Nicole Huff, Greg Keeler
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Reception for Bishop DeDe
<b>January 28</b>		<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Ushers	No service Please join the 10:00 am service	Bill Palmer, Jim Albert
	Acolyte		Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		Darlene Croston
	Lector		Connie Alexander
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Rayleen Kie, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer, Debbie Parmelee
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Darlene Croston

Information is correct as of December 17, 2023.

## Music Notes



To my dear friends in Christ,

New Year's greetings to you all! I hope you have had a holiday season full of joy, fulfillment, rest, and most importantly reflection. The new year is always one of my favorite times because Epiphany is here!

This Epiphany season the music program is featuring an Epiphany Lessons and Carols, Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4 PM in the

sanctuary. This service will feature the choir, handbells, vocal soloists, and organ supported by scriptures read by members of the congregation and staff. One of our selections will feature Trinity's very own Peter Browne's arrangement of *I wonder, as I wander*, sung by Christina Taylor, soprano. *Saw you never, in the twilight* is a choral anthem written by American organist Harold Friedell and will feature a beautiful text by Anglo-Irish poet and hymnist Cecil Frances Alexander, known for her incredibly popular works including, but not limited to: *Once in Royal David's City*, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *There is a Green Hill Far Away*, and many others.

Both of these selections feature texts that ponder the awe and wonder surrounding the star, Magi, and the Christ child in his early years. American folklorist and songwriter, John Jacob Niles, wrote a text in *I Wonder, as I Wander*, that creates a vivid and stunning picture of the wonder surrounding Epiphany. In his unpublished biography he says this about the creation of this hymn:

*A girl had stepped out to the edge of the little platform attached to the automobile. She began to sing. Her clothes were unbelievably dirty and ragged, and she, too, was unwashed. Her ash-blond hair hung down in long skeins. ... But, best of all, she was beautiful, and in her untutored way, she could sing. She smiled as she sang, smiled rather sadly, and sang only a single line of a song.*  
*Pen, 200-201)*

That single line would blossom into the song we know today.

Alexander's text for *Say you never, in the twilight* paints a similar picture, yet offers a different perspective by considering the serenity and awe of the Magi reflected in the text paraphrased from Matthew 2, "Heard you never of the story how they crossed the desert wild, journeyed on by plain and mountain till they found the holy child? How they opened all their treasure, kneeling to that infant King; gave the gold and fragrant incense, gave the myrrh in offering?"

As we enter into this wonderful New Year and Epiphany season, may we remember the wonder and awe that surrounds us throughout our faith journey. May God provide rich blessings in our lives as this new year is set into motion!

God's blessings to you all, *Randy Frye, Director of Music*

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## Coffee Hour



I hope those who have attended church in person have been enjoying our newly revived coffee hour. Thank you to our hosts for October, November and December.

Let's keep it going by signing up as a host for Sundays in January, February and March. You may sign up in person on the list posted on the kiosk in the Hoyt Room or by calling Vicki Thierfelder in the main Trinity office.

All things related to coffee will be taken care of by David Brown, our Sunday Sexton. Your role as host is to please provide the edibles. You may place them on the center island in the kitchen.

You may bring the edibles on your own serving pieces or you may use baskets and trays from Trinity's kitchen. Let David Brown know you have put something in the kitchen and it might be useful to place a sign saying for coffee hour.

If there are any left-overs, they may migrate to the Forum, then on to the Canteen.

*Sandra Michael*

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## Canteen Schedule

Date	Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess	Food Pickup	Pickup Person
1/7/2024	Trinity Memorial	S. Crowle	B. Crowle	1/4	S. Crowle
1/14/2024	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	Bill Palmer		1/11	Bill Palmer
1/21/2024	Temple Concord	C. Hanes	S. Hanes	1/18	C. Hanes
1/28/2024	St. Mark's	B. Parmelee	D. Parmelee	1/25	B Parmelee

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## One More Thing

My favorite Christmas hymn, for as long as I can remember, is the ancient Marian hymn “Es ist ein Ros entsprungen” (“Lo, how a rose e’er blooming”, hymn 81 in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal).

The author and composer of this hymn are unknown. Its first written appearance is in a manuscript originally from the Carthusian Monastery of St Alban, in Trier, Germany, which is thought to have been in use in Martin Luther’s time. The hymn then appears in a Catholic Songbook, dated 1599, in the city of Speyer, Germany (shown on the right; source: Wikipedia). Our hymnal uses Michael Praetorius’ harmonization from 1609.

Our bell choir played this hymn beautifully on the third Sunday of Advent; listening to them took me right back to my earliest memories of Christmas, and beyond that to the people who, centuries before our time, built on Isaiah’s prophecy to gift us what for me is a hymn for all ages.

*KW Peter Koeppel*

