

Trinity Life for February 1-29, 2020



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Transition UPdate

New Interim Rector Announced!

Please welcome: The Rev. Rebecca Blair of Exeter, NH. She joined Trinity as our full-time Interim Rector as of Sunday, January 26th. If you've not yet met her, please stop by the Church Office to extend your official welcome and introduce yourself to her. In the meantime, here is her message to you:

Dear People of Trinity Church

It is a joy to be joining you during this transitional time in the life of your parish. Most recently I was the Bridge Priest at St John's, Saugus. Before that I was the rector of St Andrew's Church in New Bedford.

My husband, Jim, is a Methodist minister and we live in the parsonage of the United Methodist Church in Exeter, New Hampshire. Our three adult children, Matthew, Eleanor and Eric, all live on the west coast. This is taking some getting used to, but we are working on it!

I look forward to getting to know all of you and all that you do.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Our worship will become more solemn as we travel with Jesus on his way to the Crucifixion. Before you know it, we will be celebrating Easter!

In Christ,
Rebecca Blair
Your Interim Rector and Pastor

Search Committee News...

In the meantime, the Search Committee for our new Permanent Rector has been approved by the Vestry and will be commissioned in an upcoming service:

John Wilson
Carol Westhaver
Ben Bollinger
Cyndi Sanger
Mike McKay
Mark Young
Joan Campbell

Thank You to the Rev. John Clarke...

for serving as our Bridge Priest following Jo's November 2019 departure. We are so appreciative of his service and guidance during the Advent and Christmas season.

Parish Administration

Annual Meeting Election Results of Vestry Members and Parish Officers

Positions on the Vestry and all Officers of the Parish were on the slate for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th. Pam Messenger completed her Vestry service. The following persons are continuing members of the Vestry:

Deb Shannon (2021)
Joan Lunn (2021)
Carol Westhaver (2022)
John Cole
John Wilson
Colleen Gibson
Joan Campbell

Officers are elected each year to a one-year term:

Co-Wardens	Pam McKay and Lesley Cefalo
Treasurer	Rachel Graf
Assistant Treasurer	Bruce Gaboriault
Clerk	Rebecca Miller

Representatives to the Deanery Assembly (up to 5) and Diocesan Convention (2) are elected each year for one-year terms:

Ed Wisniewski	Diocesan Convention
Joan Lunn	Diocesan Convention
Denise Aldridge	Deanery Assembly
Joan Lunn	Deanery Assembly

Office Schedule

The Parish Office is normally open Mon-Thurs from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

It will be closed for the President's Day Monday holiday on February 17, 2020.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for information or articles to be included in the March Newsletter is February 18, 2020.

Worship

Ash Wednesday is February 26th

In past years, we have held two Ash Wednesday services: one at noon and one at 7 p.m. We will continue this tradition this year. Please keep your eye on the weekly Sunday bulletins for announcements about how our parish will mark this solemn day and begin the Lenten Season.

Community & Special Events

Pancake Supper and Bingo!

6 pm on Tues., Feb 25th

"Magic of Giving" Musical Concert

3 p.m. on Sat., Feb 29th

The price of admission? Non-perishable items for the Top Cupboard Food Pantry.

The Girl Scouts are Coming!

Calling all "sweet tooths" --- For two Sundays in February a local Girl Scout Troop will once again be peddling their wares in between our two Sunday services. Mark your calendars for Feb 2 and Feb 23rd.

Christian Education

Schedule of Classes

February 16, 2020 -- No Classes

January 2020 Preschool News

We have had a wonderful January in the preschool! The children eagerly returned to school after their break, full of energy and enthusiasm. We see so much growth after a vacation, and particularly this time of year. The tentative young children who entered in September return in January with confidence. They are taller, stronger, and eager to share their thoughts and ideas with us. It's exciting to see.

The Preschool is in full swing with activity these days. The children are thoroughly enjoying their enrichment activities each week. We have a wonderful music teacher, Dara Van Remoortel, who comes in once a month to sing seasonal songs with the children. Additionally, Amy Wheadon, from KidShine comes to run an OT Bootcamp with our Three-Year Old's once a month, and our own Miss Lisa teaches all the children Yoga as well. This month we will also see "Lindsey and Her Puppet Pals" bring stories to life through her enormous puppets! It will be so much fun!

We look forward to our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. The teachers love sitting down with the parents and talking about the progress of their children. It's a wonderful time to connect, support each other, and revel in the beauty and uniqueness of each child.

Enrollment contracts for 2020-2021 have just been mailed out. Our Fours and Fives classes are full, and we have a few spaces left in our Threes classes. It's a very different enrollment year than last year, thank goodness.

We are looking forward to offering another summer camp in June and July. We will open enrollment next week and many parents are eagerly awaiting booking those dates. I have had many inquiries to become camp counselors here, so I am also happy to report we are fully staffed for summer camp.

We are very excited about our upcoming Bear Hunt, which Judy Turcotte runs. She transforms the church hall into a winter wonderland and invites graduating students and their fathers to hunt for a hibernating honey bear! It is so much fun!



Thank you for all your continued support of the preschool and me.
Sincerely, Kelly Martignetti