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Trinity Episcopal Church

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PROFILE
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Hamburg, NY

Welcome to your Spiritual Home

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to the Trinity Community. We hope that you will feel spiritually fulfilled and strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily life.

Our Prayer for Transition

O Faithful God,
We ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts so we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service. Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your Spirit. Amen.



Who We Are

Trinity is a warm and caring parish whose lay members minister in a variety of ways to both the congregation and the community at large. Our quest is to understand our strengths, our opportunities for growth and ultimately how we can carry out God's mission in our community. We want all who come through our red doors to be welcomed, comforted and valued.

Our Vision

Do God's Work

We have several ministries. Yet we feel called to offer a new ministry to our larger community. We are looking at how we can serve others in need.

Reach Families

We are seeking ways to grow. We understand that new practices will be needed for spiritual growth and to meet the needs of families.

Support One Another

We value the work of all who make Trinity a place of worship, of God's healing grace, prayer, joy and fellowship.

Our History

From Trinity's humble beginnings through the many changes through the years, our congregation has been known for our esprit de corps in carrying out the tasks before us.

Our Beginning

It all began in the early 1890's. Members of Trinity Church in Buffalo pledged funds to support an Episcopal mission in Hamburg, NY located fourteen miles south of Buffalo. The first services were held in the Baptist church when Bishop Coxe appointed the Reverend Arthur Mellon to take up the work of the mission in 1892. Land was purchased and the cornerstone for the new church was laid in the fall of that same year.

Growth and Change

Trinity continued to grow and prosper and soon a parish hall was added to provide space for the church school programs and parochial offices. Membership increased to four hundred and three families in 1977. In 1978, a columbarium was established in the church orchard. During the 1980s the parish hall was reconfigured to provide a library, a small chapel, a nursery, a large meeting room for social events, and several small rooms for Christian Education. A section of the undercroft became a music and rehearsal room.

Evangelism & Music

Over the years, a variety of worship formats, and activities for Christian education evolved with our parish leaderships and congregational interests and talents. A strong music program became the hallmark of Trinity Hamburg with multiple choirs and singing tours. In 2001, an Allen Renaissance organ was purchased and placed in the loft.

Up to the Present

In 2003, a capital improvement plan upgraded the kitchen and areas downstairs, provided handicap accessibility, and rebuilt the parking lot. Trinity also set up an ongoing maintenance fund to keep up with future needs. More recently, improvements were made to the parish hall to accommodate multiple purposes for conversation, coffee hour and provide space for our food pantry. The grounds have been improved and maintained to include lovely flower beds and lawn space. Trinity has WiFi connectivity and connects with members and our community with a mailed newsletter, our website and our Facebook page which are updated regularly.





Where We Hope to Go From Here

At present, Trinity is putting together a support team for those in the community that are suffering from cancer and their caregivers and family. We are seeking a better understanding of how to communicate and address their varied needs by hosting talks with experts from Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Hospice and others. We envision providing assistance with every day tasks such as light home care, rides to appointments, shopping, pet walking, and childcare. We intend for this to be a parish wide effort that will allow Trinity to be a resource for support group information and simple tips that our own parishioners who have been through this and found helpful such as where to buy a good wig, and other practical knowledge.

“My dear friends, we are already God’s children, though what we will be has not yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is. This hope makes us keep ourselves holy, just as Christ is holy.” 1 John 3:2-3

We at Trinity believe that Stewardship must be focused on two principles: First, our need to give is greater than the Church’s need to receive. Second, “All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given Thee.” The vestry and wardens understand the responsibility to fund the work of Trinity Hamburg clearly belongs to the congregation as led by its vestry. We now live in a society with many who identify themselves as “Christians” yet are not participating in collective worship. We hear God’s call to go forth spreading the Good News, but merely opening our red doors is not enough. Although change can be difficult, we understand we must be open to reaching out in new ways with a relevant message.

<i>Financial Activity</i>	Budget			
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Number of Pledging Families	62	64	78	70
Amount Pledged	\$158,884	\$162,624	\$187,587	\$189,261
Pledge & Plate Revenues	\$177,384	\$210,851	\$204,951	\$221,379
Other Operating Income	\$6,000	\$40,722	\$32,422	\$18,275
Total Income	\$183,384	\$251,573	\$237,373	\$239,654
All Operating Expenses	\$172,066	\$156,197	\$215,424	\$213,913
Diocesan Assessment include Above	\$30,858	\$23,747	\$22,735	\$22,365
Endowment/Investment Fund Balance	\$385,700	\$342,192	\$341,146	\$348,242

Trinity Church Complex



Church Exterior & Grounds

Stone and Tudor style exterior, a steeple with a bell tower, parish hall attached with offices on second floor. Well-maintained grounds, driveway and ample parking all in excellent condition. Handicapped parking and access to church proper, the undercroft, and parish hall.

Sanctuary

The interior of the church proper features beautifully carved wood furnishings, wall panels, and lecterns. Congregational seating can accommodate approximately 230 with the use of the side pews. The choir loft contains an Allen organ, electric keyboard and can seat at least 18 adults comfortably.



Chapel & Conference Room

Previous rectors have used this small chapel for mid-week services or small group prayer and *private* spiritual sanctuary. This seats 15 and can accommodate about 20 seats. The conference room across the hall from the Chapel with XX seating at a large conference table and seating around the periphery of the room and is used for Vestry meetings.



Parish Hall

This inviting space is where our coffee hour and fellowship time is held after services. We use this space for several youth activities, meetings, presentations, and fundraising activities. Our food pantry is also located in this space.



Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for children grouped by age from preschoolers to young adults. Trinity is fortunate to have dedicated spaces available to accommodate simultaneous activities for multiple age levels.

