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Trinity Episcopal Church

Hamburg, NY



One Community United
in Jesus' Name



The Warden's Corner

Happy and Blessed New Year!

Let us rejoice and welcome in 2024.

We know that 2023 was a trying and stressful year. There were blessings and sorrows. We baptized as Christ's own; Jack Skipper, River Wall, Lucy Buchanan and Parker Rieske. We lost cherished friends and family; Deb Harris, Marydale Schmidt, David Saunders, Pat Small and Carl Otis. We suffered grief, confusion and insecurity in the loss of our Priest in Charge. It was definitely a rollercoaster ride.

As we start off 2024, we want to focus on our future and be grateful for the distance we have traveled. We have entered into an agreement with the Diocese, and starting in January we will have Father Al Johnson as the Canon in Residence.

Father Al will be with us two three-day weekends each month and available for other dates through electronic media as required. He is here to provide the leadership and guidance to help us move forward. This is his specialty and we are extremely grateful to him and to the Diocese for this opportunity.

We have also entered into an agreement with Reverend Ann Markle to provide supply for the remaining Sundays, giving us stability and support for the coming year.

We have a Christian Education program for children and also for teenagers! Thank you to the Youth Ministry team for your time and talents!! We will be leading confirmation classes for those eligible. More to come. We will be hosting chicken BBQ and Golf Tournament fundraisers so gear up to participate in these events.

There are two positions on Vestry, Junior Warden (2 year term), and a vestry seat (3 year term) that we do not have nominations for. Although the nominations are now closed, after the Annual Meeting your vestry will be looking for volunteers to offer their skills and time to fill these positions for 2024. This is an extremely important role that provides the individual with an opportunity to help shape Trinity's future.

We have come far and still have a distance to travel, but our direction is positive and God is with us on this journey.

Have a happy, healthy and wondrous New Year.

God be with you.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

-DAN, ELLIE, NIKKI, ADRIENNE AND CAMI

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS:

In December, our children learned about the symbolism of each week in Advent. It was great to see so many kids around the table this month!



HIGH SCHOOL CLASS:

Our High School students discussed how our culture impacts the meaning of Christmas and how as young Christians, we can keep the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts during the season and everyday.



UPCOMING:

Next Family Sunday: 1/21/24

Kids meet their teachers in the Undercroft at 9am and then join the Congregation at Communion. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Questions? Contact the Church office at: admin@trinityhamburg.org or 649-4320



Thanks for continuing to support our

Can and Bottle Return!



Fund Raising

It's nobody's favorite thing to do but those who do, do it well!

We raised over \$20,000 in 2023! A little over 50% of that was pure profit. What an outstanding rate of return! Everyone who worked on or participated in should be very proud.

Trinity is thankful for your time, effort & Donations.

If you have any ideas for new fundraisers going into 2024, please let us know. We'd love to hear your ideas!

Music Soothes the Soul

Rich Emerling and the Red, White & Bluegrass band have not only entertained us but invite us to participate in jam sessions!

This is a wonderful opportunity for the mastered, the novice or the rusty to get together and just play for the pure joy of it.

We know some of you have a tambourine or an old clarinet from high school youre itching to dust off. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming jam sessions. Don't be shy.

Snacks are provided and everyone is welcome to bring a beverage of their choice.



Cookie Sale

Our annual cookie sale was held December 17th and raised almost \$1,000!!

Thank you to all the bakers and folks with a sweet tooth!



Sunday, January 14, 2024—9 am

Please join in welcoming
Father Al Johnson to our Trinity family.

Holiday Gathering

Linda Campbell hosted a beautiful
lunch in her home where a great time
was had by all.

Thanks Linda!

131st Annual Meeting

We hope you will be able to at-
tend the annual meeting and
luncheon on
Sunday, January 28th
@ 10 am.

*If you are responsible for providing updates
or other
information to the parish, please submit your
contributions to ad-
min@trinityhamburg.org*



JANUARY 2024!

May your heart be light, your days be bright, and your year be just right!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02	03	04	05	06 Boy Scout Advancement 9—11 am Pinewood Derby Work- shop
07 9 am HE Rite II 10 am Coffee hr 9—11 Pantry 7 pm AA Meeting	08 10 am Knitters 10—12 Pantry 6:30— Boy Scouts	09 7—8:30 pm Red, White & Bluegrass jam	10 5—7 pm Pantry 7 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30 Girl Scouts 8:30 pm AA Meeting	12	13
14 9 am HE Rite II 10 am Coffee hr 11 am Vestry Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting	15 10 am Knitters 10—12 Pantry 6:30— Boy Scouts	16	17 5—7 pm Pantry 7 pm Boy Scouts	18 8:30 pm AA Meeting	19	20
21 Family Sunday 9 am HE Rite II 10 am Coffee hr 9—11 Pantry 7 pm AA Meeting	22 10 am Knitters 10—12 Pantry 6:30— Boy Scouts	23 7—8:30 pm Red, White & Bluegrass jam	24 5—7 pm Pantry 7 pm Boy Scouts	25 8:30 pm AA Meeting	26	27
28 9 am HE Rite II 10 am Annual Meeting 9—11 Pantry 7 pm AA Meeting	29 10 am Knitters 10— 12 Pantry 6:30— Boy Scouts	30 7—8:30 pm Red, White & Bluegrass jam	31 5—7 pm Pantry 7 pm Boy Scouts			

Happy Birthday ~ January ~ Happy Birthday

Julie Allen-Otis, Riley Embler, Charlotte Fuore, Lynn Gotsch, Elizabeth Hayes, Judy Johnson,
Judith Kremers, Patti Lukasiewicz, William Morrison, Linda Pollinger, Cami Wittmeyer, David Wittmeyer