



# Trinity Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

Every day I am privileged to see the results of the generosity of our parish family. From the beauty of an anthem sung by our choir to seeing craftsmen carefully restoring yet another part of our splendid church, the impact of your gifts shine forth. We ought to savor all the blessings and give thanks.

Let's take a moment and reflect upon all that has taken place and changed around Trinity in the past several months. Things do look a bit different. With the recent completion of the new roof, anyone driving by can see that the congregation is caring for its blessings. Just look at the pictures in this publication. And then there's also the new handrail at the west parking lot entrance. What an incredible improvement! Additionally there are new lights on the parking lot, brightening it up at night. Whether by day or night, it looks so much more inviting and welcoming.

After two years of anticipation, the One to Grow On project of painting the ceiling of the main worship space will be a reality. How wonderful it will be to complete this very important undertaking. Thank you to everyone for your patience, trust, and support!

Your Communications Committee has been busy too. New parish brochures are now available through the Chamber of Commerce, as well as numerous Aurora hotels. These invite visitors to the area to join us in worship. Be watching as soon beautiful new banners will be adorning our building on both Lincoln and Benton Streets.

All of these physical changes symbolize our love for God. In addition, they serve to enhance our spiritual well-being. However, in order for this to be a reality, it is essential that we take a moment and appreciate the fruits of the past two year's gifts of love and labor.

And, if you haven't been with us recently, don't stay away. Consider worshiping with us and refresh your spirit. Let us recall that the word *worship* comes from the same root as the word *worth*. Through all which we have accomplished, let's acknowledge the worth of God's love. It is greater than anything else. The extravagant gift of one's time and energy in the worship of God is truly an act of thanksgiving. Nourish yourself at the Lord's Table. Sing to the music of the organ with which we have been so richly blessed and give thanks! Have Blessed Summer (and I look forward to seeing you regularly)!

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## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, September 8th, 2019 marks the end of summer and the return of our wonderful Choir.
- Sunday, September 22, 2019. Church Picnic at Montgomery Park following the Service.
- Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm Paul Kraus returns with a Salute to Broadway!
- Thanksgiving, 2019 - Drawing for the St. Margaret's Guild Quilt.

*Denzil+*





## Financial Snapshot YTD (Month Ending June 30, 2019)

### Income:

Pledge and Plate	\$33,386
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget)	\$38,332
Endowment Income	\$25,666
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income)	\$22,090
Total Income	\$90,188
Budgeted Income	\$88,855
Net Income	\$ 1,333

### Expense

Building and Grounds	\$14,341
Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget)	\$11,940
Office & Admin	\$6,949
Year to date Office and Administration Budget	\$2,922
Total Expense	\$91,422
Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$86,770
Excess of Expense over Income	\$1,234

### Funds (As of 6/30/19)

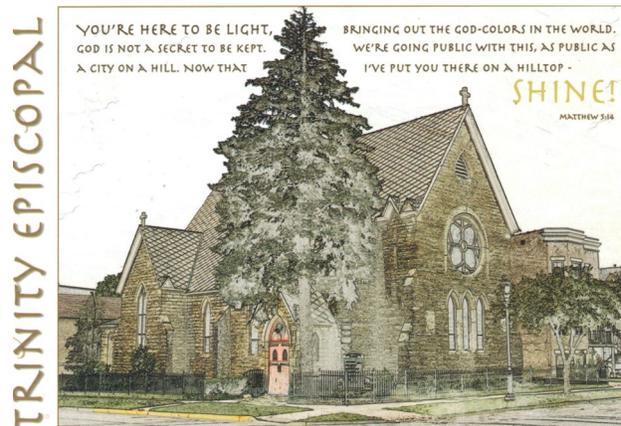
Endowment Balance	\$664,645
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$335,000.
Memorial Balance	\$218,737
On 12/31/2015 it was	\$335,368
Checkbook Balance on December 31st, 2018 was	\$9,675
On June 30, 2019. it was	\$9,800
On December 31, 2018 Our Mission Fund Balance was	\$11,946
After the second quarter of 2019 it was	\$17,085

## Financial Notes

- In response to our Audit of the Memorial Fund Account, we have established a Memorial Account on QuickBooks to better keep track of expenses and what they were for.
- Our Treasurer. Tom Herget, completed the treasurer training course offered by the Diocese.
- The Vestry gave the go ahead this month to move forward on implementing an on-line giving program. Watch for further notice of this as we move forward.
- Our portion of the Roof replacement is \$27,000. \$1,000 is our deductible to the Insurance Company and \$26,000 is for the roof over the Altar which was not covered by insurance. Donations for the project have been \$2,570 so far. The project is finished except for the repair of the asphalt their big crane caused.

## Picture Descriptions

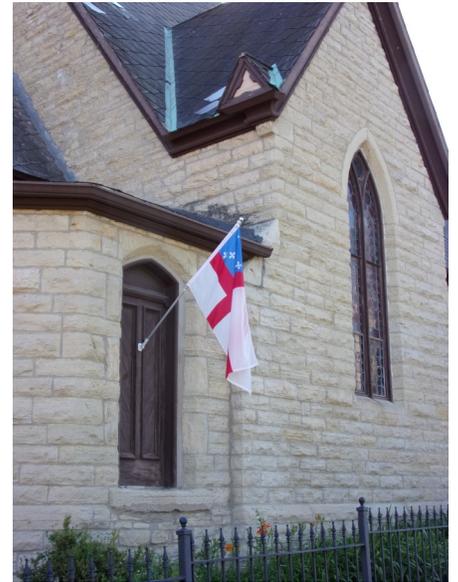
1. Picture of the completed Roof
2. New railing extension in the Parish Hall
3. Parking lot entrance showing
  - A. Our new sign
  - B. The Episcopal Flag
  - C. The new doors
  - D. The new railing
4. One of three new flood lights in the parking lot
5. The new Church door
6. The new defibrillator
7. The complete re-plumbing of the kitchen
8. Our Bell Choir
9. The gold plating of our chalice
10. Stucco repair on the Parish Hall
11. Fixing the improperly installed overflow valve on the Boiler
12. The Prayer Shawls
13. A glorious sunset showing God's Grace on Mankind





### Pictures - Oh, The Progress We Have Made!!!!





**God's Light Shines on Trinity**



**AID** Association for Individual Development  
 Empowering individuals for a better tomorrow since 1961

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July 16, 2019

Mr. Richard Blogg  
 Trinity Episcopal Church  
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 Aurora IL 60505

Dear Richard,

Your generous contribution of \$500.00 helps create opportunities for individuals with physical, developmental, intellectual and mental health challenges that empower them to enjoy lives of dignity and purpose. Empowered individuals with special needs live, work and grow; they contribute to and participate in community life.

AID provides vital, customized services each year to more than 5,500 individuals with developmental, intellectual and mental health challenges. With you as a champion, these unique individuals get the support they need to make their lives extraordinary. Your partnership is invaluable.

In our ever-changing world, we are aware of the growing number of commendable non-profits that request your support every day. We are so grateful you have chosen to empower our friends, family members and neighbors to enjoy lives of dignity and purpose.

If you would like more information on our services and the people we serve, please visit our website. We look forward to sharing updates on the program with you in our upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to call me anytime at 630-966-4001 if you have questions, or would like to visit.

Warmest regards,

*Lore Baker* *Thank you for your support!*  
 Lore Baker  
 CEO/President

*Thank you!*  
*Richard Blogg*

**You can possibly double or triple your generous gift! Does your company match employee donations? If so, please contact us to discuss employer matching gift programs.**

Stay connected to AID-[www.AIDcares.org](http://www.AIDcares.org) and [www.facebook.com/AIDcares](http://www.facebook.com/AIDcares)

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 COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES • DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES**

**CRISIS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH • OUTPATIENT/RESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES • VICTIM SERVICES**





## Around the Church

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- Bishop Lee had nothing but good things to say about Trinity. The following are comments reported in the Vestry Minutes, “The Bishop said that he wasn’t worried about the path Trinity is on and that he was satisfied that Trinity was carrying forth the mission of the Episcopal Church.”; he felt Trinity is a loving, inclusive and caring community.”; “He felt very good about us.”
- Hat’s off to Maggie! She recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of her joining Trinity. She commented, “This is the longest I have ever belonged to one Church, I usually go to a Church for a while and then move on.” Maggie. we are blessed that you are here!
- Ken and Dolores celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 16th. God Bless them both!
- We received a very generous donation totaling \$8,000 toward the painting of the church ceiling.
- Speaking of the ceiling of the Church, now that the Church roof portion of this project has been completed, we will proceed with the painting of the ceiling.
- We have also installed a grab bar by the Parish Hall Toilet and extended the railing coming up the stairs to the parish hall to help with that difficult last step!
- My thanks to Fr. Denzil’s discretionary fund and The Sandwich Board for splitting the cost of the new railing at the entrance from the parking lot to the Parish Hall.
- We received a thank you note from Lore Baker, the new President of the Association fro Individual Development (AID) thanking us for the \$500 donation we made to one of their Group Homes. Way to go Outreach! (See page 5 for a copy of the letter.)
- Speaking of Outreach, our Back To School Drive ends August 4, 2019. Thanks you all for your support!
- Thanks to the individuals who donated to our memorial fund in memory of Esther Watson, two new “Welcome to the Episcopal Church” signs that will hang at the entrances to our parking lot, have been purchased. One of the old ones had rusted through and we found a place where we could get two for the price of one. They should be here in August!
- Linda didn’t mention is her notes that we continue to get weekly support from our volunteers from AID. Here are some of the things they do: wrap the silverware for the Sandwich Board meal, fold and staple our Sunday Service Bulletins, distribute the Psalm for the Thursday Service, update the hymn boards in the Church with Sunday’s hymn numbers, replace the candles at the back of the Church and update or replace the envelopes in the pews. As much of this work would have to be done by the office if they were not here, I am eternally grateful!
- Average weekly attendance in Church for the year is nearing 50! We’re growing in spirit, strength and spirituality
- Our ongoing thanks to Gary and Maria for their patience with the lawn care while the roofing project was completed.
- There are now three flood lights shining down on the Parking lot. They are solar and make it a lot brighter out there at night!
- The big lift they used to get materials up to the roof ripped up some of our asphalt. The repairs will be done by the contractor who did the roof and are being scheduled as I write.
- Watch for new exterior banners outdoors, soon to be unfurled!





# Trinity Episcopal Church St. Margaret's Women's Guild

A Fund-raiser Supporting

# MUTUAL GROUND



Where the Healing Begins



A Quilt for drawing on  
Sunday November 24

218 East Benton Street, Aurora, IL 60505

Our quilt was lovingly hand-made by St. Margaret's Woman's Guild members and a quilting friend.

Raffle Tickets \$5 each or three for \$10

Mutual Grounds provides help to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault free of charge. Services include an emergency shelter along with all of the tools, support and services victims will need for the healing to begin.



## CREDO, COMMITMENT, AND CALL: NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We say the Creed every Sunday. “I believe...” And what follows is a statement of faith. But, we say “I believe” many times in the week. A few nights ago I was watching a program where former athletes were predicting the outcome of an important game. Each said, “I believe that a certain team will win the game.” Another would counter with a different statement, but it still began, “I believe...”

The importance of this is the faith that is behind the statements. None of the former stars really knew who would win, but each of them “believed” with all their hearts that they were right. Listen to yourself this week and see how many times you say, “I believe.” Did you know you were making a statement of faith?

Many seminary students have to write a statement of faith before they are ordained. Many of them have to defend their beliefs. When we say, “I believe...” do we have the knowledge, sources, translations, etc. to defend our beliefs? When we open our minds and read scholarly articles we may find that our beliefs might need some updating.

Certainly, the Dead Sea Scrolls shed new light on many passages of scripture. Other documents have made us aware of words that have more than one meaning. In any case, remember that when you say, “I believe...” you are making a statement of faith.

As Christians we have a deep commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The summary of the law puts it well:

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

We do our best to live lives that show God’s love to all people. But, sometimes we forget who our neighbor is. Or, maybe we don’t always want to know our neighbor. It’s always easier if we can get someone else to take care of our neighbor. But, the call to be a disciple of Christ is to reach out to all those around us. It is a hard task, and an easy one too. Hard to start, easy once you’ve begun.

When was the last time you invited someone to a special event at the church? Or to join a group in the church, i.e., the choir, a volunteer, or a committee? When we have visitors, we do such a good job of making them feel “at home” in our church. But, what about the “follow up?” I know that there are nice follow-ups from the clergy and Vestry members. But, that’s not exactly what I mean. What if they come back? What then? How do we bring new people into the fold of our Christian Community? When I came here, there were many things I was curious about. How did certain things get done? How did you know that everyone brought some special thing for a certain occasion? Let us all be aware of looking at the things we do through the eyes of visitors. They need a mentor to help them understand, and they need directions about how we do things.

The great hymnologist Erik Routley said, “Hymns are the take-home package of the Christian faith.” I think the hymn Jane Parker Huber wrote in 1981 sums it up well

*Called as partners in Christ’s service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfill God’s chosen end.*

*Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,  
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God’s people, young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Gregory Gyllsdorff*



## The Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Transfiguration is not to be understood only as a spiritual experience of Jesus while at prayer, which three chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John, were permitted to witness. It is one of a series of supernatural manifestations, by which God authenticated Jesus as his Son. It is at one with the appearance of the angels at the birth and at his resurrection, and with the descent of the Spirit at Jesus' baptism. Matthew records the voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Briefly the veil is drawn aside, and a chosen few are permitted to see Jesus, not only as the earth-born son of Mary, but as the eternal Son of God. Moses and Elijah witness to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. In Luke's account of the event, they speak of the "exodus" which Jesus is to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud, a sign of divine presence, envelops the disciples, and a heavenly voice proclaims Jesus to be the Son of God.

Immediately, thereafter Jesus announces to Peter, James, and John the imminence of his death. As Paul was later to say of Jesus, "Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

The Feast of the Transfiguration is held in the highest esteem by the Eastern Churches. The figure of the transfigured Christ is regarded as a foreshadowing of the Risen and Ascended Lord. The festival, however, was only accepted into the Roman calendar on the eve of the Reformation, and for that reason was not included in the reformed calendar of the English Church. Since its inclusion in the American revision of 1892, it has been taken into most modern Anglican calendars.

*O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### Ritual, Reason, and Why....

To the popular mind, prayer is a series of petitions recited to God attempting to bend His will to that of the person praying, and which God is honor-bound to fulfill if it is "in accordance with His will." But prayer is no such thing at all! Since God has conferred free will upon His creatures it is no longer possible for Him to accomplish anything with or through them without their consent. No matter how insistently God may knock at the door of one's heart, that door can only be opened from within by oneself. And prayer is the means by which one voluntarily makes contact with the wisdom and power of God and opens up the channels through which the divine grace may flow into one's life. Prayer is, then, not an attempt to conform God to one's scheme of things, but the means of adjusting one's life to God's plan. - from [An Introduction to the Episcopal Church](#) by J. B. Bernardin





### Jubilee Ministry notes: Linda Barber Reporting

#### Sandwich Board:

Well, we made it through the heat waves, so far! Scott and Brett from St. David's cooked out hamburgers and hot dogs on the 4th. Special thanks to them for their help. We could not have done so well without them.

Our number of Sandwich Board guests has been dropping, I hope that means that there are not so many hungry people.

We were saddened by the death of our helper, Phil Ruff. He helped us for quite a few years until his health prevented him from being here. His family has remembered the Sandwich Board in his obituary.

Maria, who has made all the lovely embroidered and crocheted pieces around the Parish Hall, recently died. She was a member of our Sandwich Board community for many years. Gale and I referred to her as "Maria Dos".

*May they both rest in peace, where there is not pain or suffering.*

#### Amnesty Center: I

I recently attended a seminar at the Immigration Office, Chicago on helping people with disabilities through the immigration process. It was very interesting and eye opening. We looked at the American with Disabilities Act and discussed ways of assuring people that the offices were accessible and accommodating. .

Linda Barber, Jubilee Director



**A Special Note:** My husband, Peter died on June 15, 2019 after a brief illness. Funeral services were held here at Trinity with Fr. Luckritz and Fr. Rosa officiating. I can't thank everyone enough for your comfort, prayers and sympathy. A card that I received from Phil Ruff's family says it all:

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words.  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.*  
- Martha Lee Frazier Sherman -

Peace and blessings,

Linda, Carrie, Aaron, Madison and Sophia



# August 2019

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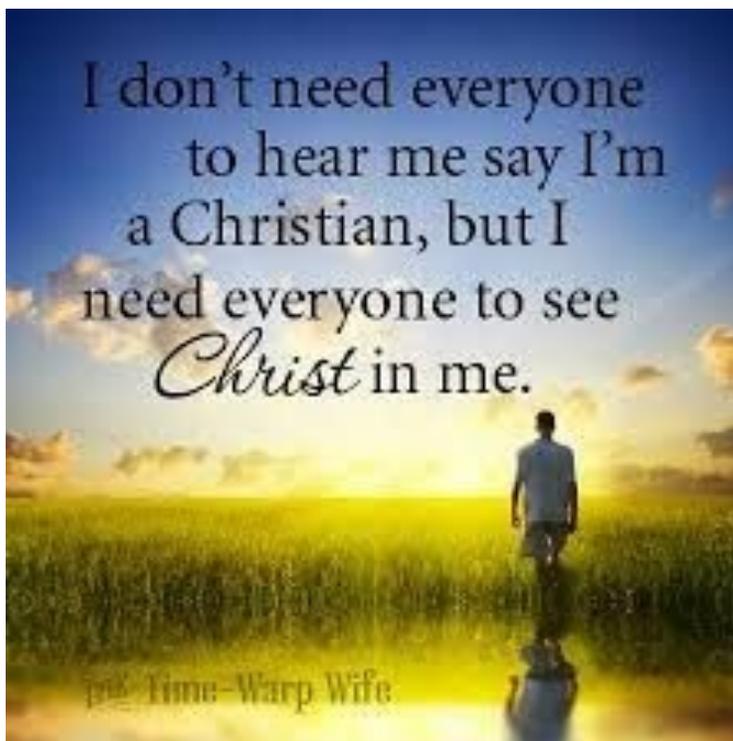
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*Trinity is a congregation that strives to be a thriving, vibrant, open and affirming, diverse community of hope that, with God's help, heartily welcomes the stranger, joyously worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and lovingly serves 'the least of these,' a church that changes people's lives for the better.*



### **Trinity Vestry**

*Senior Warden:*  
Marilou Clohessy  
*Junior Warden:*  
Ken Adam  
*Members*  
Rob Borchert  
Tom Herget  
Mary Jacobsen  
Cathie Patterson  
Guy Stephens  
Trish Tousignant