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Trinity Episcopal Church Hamburg

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

With
The Rev Ann Markle

WHO ARE WE?

Trinity, Hamburg is a
FELLOWSHIP of people who
WORSHIP, practice
HOSPITALITY, express concern
for others through OUTREACH
and embrace TRADITION.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Elementary Group

February 8 & 22

Youth Group

Dinner & Sleepover
Wednesday, February 18th
6 PM

DEADLINES

- * February 23rd - Newsletter submissions for March
- * March 1st - Online filing of Parochial Reports due to Diocese
- * March 1st - Congregation and Delegate Form due to Diocese

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * February 1st - Annual Meeting
- * February 8th - Family & Scout Sunday
- * February 15th - Vestry Meeting
- * February 17th - Shrove Tuesday
- * February 18th - Ash Wednesday; Youth Group dinner & sleepover
- * February 22nd - Family Sunday
- * March 7th - Parish Leadership Day
- * February 16th - March 23rd - Compass Lenten Program

Warden's Corner . . .

Hello Dear Friends!



We started this month with our 133rd Annual Meeting and it was very informative. We are financially stable and ready to look toward the future of Trinity and our search for a new prime priest. This will most likely mean we will need to share him or her with one or two other congregations since our budget will not support a full time rector. We are most fortunate to have Mother Ann with us during this time if not longer.

February is usually cold and snowy so hopefully we won't have to cancel services again.

Some highlights for this month are:

- February 8 - Scout Sunday
- February 14 - Valentine's Day
- February 17 - Shrove Tuesday
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday

And as a side note, the groundhog saw his shadow so we will have six more weeks of winter.....taking us to the middle of March!!! HmMMM have we ever started spring in the middle of March???

In closing, please keep our food pantry in mind when you're able to give; as well as our other Outreach programs. The need is great as you all know.

Blessings to you all,

Your Wardens
Rob Campbell and Roz DeLang

Did you know . . .

Liturgical Colors . . .

“Liturgical Colors” in Episcopal worship signify our place in the Church Year:

- **WHITE**, the color of Jesus’ burial garments, for Christmas, Easter and other ‘feasts’ or festival days, as well as marriages and funerals.
- **PURPLE/VIOLET** for Advent (or **ROYAL BLUE**) & Lent (or **UNBLEACHED LINEN**).
- **RED** is used in Holy Week, the Day of Pentecost and at ordinations.
- **GREEN** is used during Epiphany and the ‘Ordinary Time’ after Pentecost.

Upcoming events . . .

Lenten Program . . .



Sue Minekime will be leading the Living Compass program for Lent. The title this year is: **"Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind."**

There will be six sessions beginning the week of **February 16th** and concluding the week of **March 23rd**. The day and time will be determined by the wishes of the group who sign up. A sign up sheet will be in the Parish Hall. Any questions should be directed to Sue.



Parish Leadership Day

The diocese will hold a *Parish Leadership Day* on **Saturday, March 7th** at the *Diocesan Ministry Center*.

- 9-10 AM: Overview for new wardens and new vestry members
- 10 AM-3 PM: Group presentations and breakout sessions for all parish leaders

As there will be multiple sessions, we recommend at least **TWO** members from each congregation to attend. We encourage all lay leaders to attend...warden, vestry member, treasurer, and all other lay leaders.

Lunch will be included as part of the day. Please REGISTER so that we have an accurate count for planning purposes.

Committee News . . .

Altar Guild . . .

Flowers for the Altar

Flowers are placed on the altar each Sunday most often as a memorial or thanksgiving.



On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room, you will find the Altar Flowers poster. Please choose the Sunday you wish to have flowers placed on the altar for loved ones or to commemorate a special occasion. Envelopes for Altar Flowers are attached to the bulletin board as well.

Please fill out the information on the front of the envelope and enclose your offering of \$40. The envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Fellowship . . .

February Hosts:



- February 1st *Annual Meeting*
- February 8th *Sue Minekine & Cami Wittmeyer*
- February 15th *Linda Bautz & Gretchen Zollendeck*
- February 22nd *Maggie & Rob Campbell*

Please join us
Tuesday, February 17th
 for a **Pancake Dinner**
 in the undercroft
 5:00- 6:30 PM
 Good will offering



Outreach . . .

GENTLY USED CLOTHING DRIVE



*"Let's spread warmth this season!"
 While cleaning out, please consider
 donating gently used clothing. A tub
 is provided in the Fellowship
 Room for contributions.*

Donations will go to St. Paul's Cathedral

**BUFFALO
 MARATHON
 2026**



Mark your calendars for
Sunday, May 24th

We have two water stops this year-
 #21 & 22 the Art Gallery and the Zoo area
 They are both great neighborhoods

**BUFFALO'S
 HARVEST HOUSE**



Please continue collecting your loose change to fill the **"BABY BOTTLES"**. Trinity has been supporting the Baby Ministry at Buffalo's Harvest House for **more than ten years!** The coins collected are used for new underclothing, socks and pajamas for the many children whose families are supported by this wonderful ministry on Jefferson Avenue in the city. As a dozen bottles are filled, they are taken in and exchanged for a dozen more. Please see the bulletin board in the coffee room for the gracious thank you letters that are received. The last total received was **over \$600!**

*Thank you Judy Johnson for your long-term,
 unwavering dedication, which has left a lasting,
 positive impact on this ministry*

Worship . . .

Ash Wednesday . . .



In 2026, Ash Wednesday falls on February 18, 2026. It marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent in the Episcopal Church, a period focused on self-examination, repentance, and preparation for Easter.

The "Three Pillars" (Core Practices) of Lent are:

- Prayer: Increased daily prayer, scripture reading, and spiritual reflection.
- Fasting & Abstinence: Giving up certain foods (like meat on Fridays), luxuries (alcohol, sweets, social media), or behaviors (profanity).
- Almsgiving: Sharing resources, time, and talents to help others.

**Activities at Trinity will be:
 Ashes to Go: 5:00 PM- front circle
 Service: 6:00 PM**

Youth Ministry . . .

Trinity Youth (Elementary)

For the month of February, we will meet on Sundays, February 8th and 22nd at 9:00 AM. We will be staying downstairs during the whole service. The elementary group continues to use an online curriculum that mirrors the lectionary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 716-844-1786. Thank you, Nikki

Trinity Youth (Grades 6-College)

Thank you to our youth group for helping to take down the Christmas decorations. Our senior warden, Roz, provided the main dish for the event and fun was had by all!!

Our next event will be a Valentine themed dinner with a sleepover lock in at the church, on February 18, 2026. We ask that each participant, bring a valentine for each attendee (just like grade school!!), sleeping bag and pillow, etc.

As always, we encourage inviting friends to these events.

Parental permission slips will be required for this evening of fun. Please contact Maggie or Cami for a copy.

Recipe Corner . . .

This month's recipe is courtesy of . . . Linda Campbell

Great Super Bowl Appetizer: Hot Creamy Sausage Dip

- 1 lb. Bob Evans Zesty Hot Roll Sausage
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (2oz) jar chopped pimentos
- ½ cup mayo
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese

Use large skillet to brown sausage until no pink, crumble meat and remove from heat. Drain drippings.

Add to a quart baking dish with all ingredients. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350. Serve with crackers!

February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maggie Campbell	Pamela Embler
Michael Hayes	Glen Kremers
Emily Morrison	Doreen Nuessle
Greg Nuessle	

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Parish Leadership

Clergy

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Vestry

Senior Warden: Rob Campbell 2027

Junior Warden: Roz DeLang 2028

Julie Allen-Otis 2027 Dan Becker 2027

Jim Burton 2028 Alicia Koren 2029

Karen Miller 2029 Sue Minekime 2028

Marian Mirsky 2028

Treasurer

Bill Morrison

Finance Committee

Bill Morrison Bob Matson Bill Miller

Maggie Campbell

Parish Administrator

Maggie Campbell

Organist

Aaron Tham

Sexton

Mike Wittmeyer