

Vestry 2022 Elections and Annual Meeting

It's time to vote for our new Vestry members. You can do so now through **Sunday, Feb 13 @1:00pm**. Everyone who considers themselves to be a member of Trinity is welcome to vote. This year we are electing one warden and three vestry members. Be sure to attend the annual (Zoom) meeting on **February 13 @1:00pm** to learn what's been going on at Trinity. You may notice that there are the same number of candidates as there are vestry openings. It is still important that you take the time to vote. Your vote indicates that you do support these people representing you on the vestry.



John Gillespie, MD - Jr. Warden Candidate 2022 - I have been an active member of Trinity since moving to Buffalo in 2000. I have served on vestry and was the warden during the transition to Matt's leadership. I enjoy doing the auctioneering for the annual Trinity auction and look forward to having that event come back to the community. My wife, Catherine and I have organized seven medical mission trips to El Salvador. We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren, most of whom can ski better than their grandfather. I would be very pleased to serve again as junior warden.



Timothy Lane - Trinity Vestry Candidate 2022 - I have been a member of Trinity since I was a child. Along with a previous term on vestry, I have served Trinity in many different ways over the years, including leading the current Zoom discussion groups, helping with Trinity@7 services, Christmas pageants, and singing in the choir. Though life has taken me several other places on Sunday mornings, I have always felt drawn to stay involved with Trinity. I am very excited for the opportunity to serve another term on vestry and promise to do everything I can to support Trinity in the ever-evolving life of the church.



Megan McElfresh - Trinity Vestry Candidate 2022 - I am originally from Key Largo, Florida, but moved all over the East Coast as a *smaller* human.

In 2011, I moved to Buffalo and began my own professional architectural glass studio, McElf GlassWorks. Over the next several years, I lived and worked out of warehouses at Broadway-Jefferson where I could throw my passion and energy at community building and rebuilding the fabric of Buffalo's industrial heritage.

In fall of 2017, I became Executive Director of the Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA). Of course, Trinity became one of my favorite places to meet people to talk about stained glass. I actually attended my first Sunday service here early on in the pandemic when services went virtual. In 2020, I moved the SGAA offices to Trinity, and then moved my own residence and stained glass studio to the Trinity campus as well. My background in operations management, economics, and glass art is a perfect fit for the SGAA, and I hope it will be just as helpful to the vestry.



Jeffrey Tooke - Trinity Vestry Candidate 2022 - I came to Trinity a few years ago while searching for a church after leaving a Catholic parish where I was part of the music ministry for nearly twenty years. Trinity has been a blessing and beacon of the inclusion of the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful that I have found a home at Trinity. Before the pandemic, I served as a reader and chalice bearer. Now I am the Cyber Sacristan ("the live streamer behind the curtain") for the Trinity morning service, a co-facilitator of the Trinity discussion group, and I have also helped with tech for the Nadia Bolt-Weber Fresh Voices event. I look forward to serving the Trinity community in any

way I can be of service.

See the QR code to the right for voting link. Or here is the long form:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/App/Form/fdce1b0f-e971-4575-82bd-32415a8f21c3>



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 6, 2022

Sanctuary: Mental Health and Spirituality

On **Wednesday, February 9 @7pm** Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating Sanctuary: Mental Health and Spirituality. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed our lives. These changes don't affect us just physically; they affect us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Using *The Sanctuary Course* by Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, we will be discussing topics to address the challenge of the pandemic, our recovery, and other mental health topics connected to our spirituality. The evening will run about 1-1½ hours, during which we will watch and discuss a short video.

This week, we will examine the relationship between healing and recovery, and explore the need for community in recovery and the practices of companionship.

Join Tim and Jeff on Wednesdays @7pm using this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVJZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONGI NUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672

Passcode: trintalk

If you have questions about the group, email Jeffrey Tooke at jeffrey@bayharboradvisors.com.

Valentine's Day Poetry Reading

Love it or leave it, Valentine's Day is right around the corner. And US Americans will again spend billions of dollars this year (yes, that's billion with a B) to buy gifts, flowers, and, of course, candy to express their love to those most dear.

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day another way this year. Let's celebrate love in and through reading love poems together! Mark your calendar to join (details coming) a Zoom call on **Thursday, February 17**, beginning **@12noon**.

Bring your own brown bag lunch into the Zoom "room" where we can chat and catch up with one another.

At 12:30, let the poetry reading begin! Bring one of your favorite love poems (maybe one of your own?) to read and tell why you choose it. Ah, Love "it is an ever-fixed mark."

We will use the same Zoom link that we use for Trinity@7 and other regular events:

<https://zoom.us/j/2743663028?pwd=QTV4UmMvOFBYSHVkrRS9oTmkyL3VvQT09>

If you need them:

Meeting ID: 274 366 3028

Password: trinbuff

Free Books, Please Take Some Home

Please browse the bookshelf in the red carpet area and take home any books of interest. A new batch of books has replaced the old, so be sure to check out the bookshelves again.

First Sunday Brunch

While COVID infection rates in the city and county have recently been declining, public gatherings still present a threat to our personal and community safety. Therefore, the **First Sunday Brunch** at Ranchos Taqueria Dos scheduled for today has been cancelled. We remain optimistic that we'll feel comfortable coming together for brunch in March.

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