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- The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington: www.diolex.org
- The Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org
- The Lectionary Page: <http://www.io.com/~kellywp/>
- The Book of Common Prayer Online: <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/>

Trinity Episcopal Church The Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux, Rector

Decking the Halls

There is a parable of transformation that describes our lives as a series of trapeze swings. We find ourselves comfortable on our trapeze swing, swaying in the breeze, when all of a sudden we see the new bar swinging towards us. We know that eventually we must move from one trapeze swing to the next. This means we must release the old bar leaping through space to grab onto the new one. This leap through space can be scary and intimidating; exciting and full of promise. When we take our time and pay attention to the space between swings, we learn about and experience the grace of God. This grace transforms us and helps us grow into the people God calls to be.

Every day we transition from one moment to the next. And I always feel rushed during these next few months. November and December are full of good and exciting events at Trinity Church: the Stewardship Ingathering, the Annual Meeting, Thanksgiving, Advent, oh, AND Christmas! And *the holidays* make particular demands on our time and emotions. These occasions are all important moments in our lives. They also take time and preparation. The temptation is to be overwhelmed by the "doing" believing we can create a particular outcome.

Advent offers a different perspective on our *the preparations*. The season of Advent is not self-serving. Rather, it prepares for something else:



the Incarnation. And the Incarnation is a guaranteed outcome. Yes, the preparations of Advent make us ready to receive this gift, to accept God's presence and grace in our world and our lives. On December 25, Jesus comes among us, no matter what we *do*.

During November and December we will: decorate, prepare and share wonderful meals and gifts, serve in our community, study the Bible, pray and worship. All of these preparations have the potential to reveal God's presence in our lives.

May we not be overwhelmed by the preparations, worrying about the outcome. Instead, let us experience each moment for what it is: a gift from God. May we cherish them as signs and experiences of God's grace and presence in our lives.

*God's peace be with you,
Amy+*



November 13th is the Annual Meeting of the Church.

We will have ONE SERVICE at 9:30am in the Church followed by a potluck brunch. ECW will set up for the brunch and invite everyone to bring a dish to share during the brunch. During our meeting, we will discuss the budget, elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates.

Diocesan Convention Delegates represent Trinity Episcopal Church at the annual meeting of the Diocese. We elect four parishioners (including one Vestry member) to attend Convention (February 17-18, 2012 in Lexington) along with two alternates. THIS YEAR the delegates and alternates will also attend a Special Convention to elect the VII Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington on August 18, 2012.

ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE SPECIAL CONVENTION MUST BE PRESENT AT THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY.

If you would like to be on the delegate election ballot for these two conventions, please submit your name to the Church Office by November 9th.

Financial Report

Jeff Thornton

	<u>September 2011</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	22,127	15,670
Total Expenses	17,842	17,077
Net Income	4,285	(1,407)

On the financial front, the parish continues at a steady pace, and September was indicative of the nine-month trend. Income exceeded budget while expenses were held fairly close to budget. For the month, we show an actual net income of \$4,285 versus a projected loss of \$1,407. For the first nine months, income is at \$20,162 versus a budgeted loss of \$4,688. This means we have been able to cover the principal payments on our bank loan (a non-expense item) through cash flow during the year rather than having to dip into reserves. Most expenses should continue at current levels (with some timing differences as to when bills are actually paid) for the near future.

We will be working on the budget for 2012 over the next couple of weeks in preparation for the annual meeting on November 13. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider, and return, your pledge cards no later than the in-gathering day on November 6. If you could mail them in early, or drop them by the office, it would be very helpful as there is a short, one-week window between the two Sundays, to match projected revenue with expenses.

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Jane Brantley

Your prayers and thankful giving to United Thank Offering in the Diocese of Lexington have fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, made needed renovations, helped children improve reading skills, provided desperately needed medical care, offered support to the children of prisoners, and extended hospitality to cancer patient undergoing treatment far from home.

We, in the Diocese of Lexington, have been blessed with grants from UTO many times. Last year a grant of \$1300 was received for Camp Haven to provide counselor training and transportation for campers. Camp Haven is a camp for children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers and is a project of the Diocesan Commission on Prison Ministries. The grant request was submitted by Billie Stockton.

We are happy and proud that St. Philip's, Harrodsburg, received a grant of \$17,900 this year for kitchen renovations needed for their ministry, The Community Meal, the 14th grant in the Diocese of Lexington since 2001.

The power of the "blue box" is unlimited. It can be used at home on the table, by the bed, in the kitchen, or in the car. It can be personal or shared by all the family. The "blue box" can make a difference in your life as well as in the life of the person receiving your offerings. If you do not have a "Blue Box" for your offering, please pick one up in the Narthex. We have much to be thankful for in our Parish so please be generous. If you have questions about UTO, please see Jane Brantley.

Please count the contents of your UTO Box and on Sunday, November 20, write a check for that amount with "UTO Fall Ingathering" on the memo line. It will help our Vestry counters! Thanks very much!

United Thank Offering Prayer

Source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

An Update on Cardinal Meadows

The Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux

In 1978, a group of parishioners from Trinity Danville and St. Philip's in Harrodsburg formed the Trinity-St. Philip's Foundation. The Foundations original dream was to provide housing for the elderly and many of the apartments are leased to senior citizens of the community. This Foundation, which includes all members of both churches, purchased land on US 127 in Harrodsburg and, through a Farm Home Administration (now Rural Development) loan, established low-income housing. There are now 32 single units and four two bedroom units located across from the Kroger in Harrodsburg.

Since its beginnings, the Foundation's board included three members of Trinity Church. When the board met in July, it was quickly discerned that Buddy Edwards was the only current board member from Trinity (the Rectors of both churches serve as ex-officio). Buddy has agreed to stay on one more year, Leigh Jefferson agreed to serve a one year term, and Jared Meaux agreed to serve a three year term. At the Annual Meeting of 2012, we will elect two members of Trinity Church to serve on the Cardinal Meadows board and, from this meeting forward, all members will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Foundation is in good shape and the residents of Cardinal Meadows are happy. The facilities and the foundation well and effectively by Wildwood. The board spends its time and energy looking towards the future and discerning how to best maintain the buildings for the future.

On December 7th, we will have our annual Holiday party. Each resident will receive a small gift basket and enjoy an evening dinner. The Board will be present to serve food and eat with the residents. This is just one symbol of the fine work of both St. Philip's and Trinity Church in our communities.

If you're interested in learning more about Cardinal Meadows or serving on the board in the future, please let me know.

Junior Warden's Report

Greg Smith

One of the goals identified at our recent vestry retreat was to streamline our communication with our parishioners and the general public. In response to this goal we have organized a Communications Committee. Presently, the members of this committee are Amy Dafler Meaux (Rector), Whitney Barnett (secretary), J. P. Brantley, and Greg Smith (chair). If anyone has a suggestion and, or better yet, would like to be a member of this committee, please let one of the current members know.

Please submit any communications to the parish or the general public to the office prior to publication.

This will allow us to be aware of what is being sent out in the name of Trinity Church. Also, please know that whatever you submit for communications may be edited or changed by the office, particularly in regards to length or style.

Our primary forms of communication are our weekly newsletter, bulletin announcements, the Website, Facebook, and the Advocate Messenger. Over the next few months, we will also rearrange one of the bulletin boards in the parish hall making it a better, more organized vehicle of communication. We will also consider other communication venues for the future.

Finally, we are gathering the names and leaders of all our committees to be published. This list should facilitate greater transparency and communication.

JUNIOR WARDEN NOTE: The old fuse box in the sanctuary has recently been replaced with a breaker box. This replacement was done for the safety of the building and our parishioners.



ECW Alternative Gift Fair

Carla Liverman

The ECW is busy planning the Alternative Gift Fair 2011. Last year generous parishioners donated over \$2600. For 2012, we are discerning how many charities to include and if they might represent a particular interest of the ECW (i.e. charities that respond primarily to hunger, or alleviating poverty, or education, or...). Bring your suggestions and a potluck dish to the Nov. 6th meeting after the 10:30 service.

Watch the bulletin for AGF dates!!



It's Centre Time

Jan Peters

It's time to mark your calendars for fall finals! Trinity open as a study center for Centre students from 4:00pm - 11:00pm, Sunday, December 4th - Thursday, December 8th .

We need volunteers hosts during these times. Duties are simple and your main responsibility it to ensure the students feel welcome and safe. We will have an orientation for the hosts and written directions are posted in the kitchen. Jan Peters is available to provide any assistance you might need.

An important piece of our hospitality is providing snacks for the students. Everyone is invited to bring treats for the students (homemade ones are a special treat!). Hint: they love things with nuts, chocolate and even sugar cookies. Since finals occur at everyone's busy time, I am happy to store them in my freezer if you want to make them ahead of time.

Sign-up sheets for hosting and for snack donations are on the table in the Great Hall beginning Sunday, November 6th. The sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board after they are completed. If you are hosting, I will call you a couple of days before your date to remind you – just in case!

The students truly appreciate a quiet place to study and the treats. More than this, a smiling face to greet them and someone to talk to during study breaks is a valuable ministry in our community. Your presence offers something very special; As one student said, "It feels homey here." The gift of your time and talent sends a clear message that we as a parish care about these young people and members of our community.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Weekly Newsletter Changes

Whitney Barnett and The Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux

Over the last few weeks, we've made some changes to the weekly newsletter. These changes were made for several reasons. We know that the newsletter may take a while to download. We've also noticed that most of the information in the newsletter is redundant: it can be found on the website or in the bulletin. With these things in mind, we're experimenting with ways to change the newsletter.

We are working to make it shorter. For now, it is printable on a 8 1/2" x 14" page. It will contain only one announcement or notice about an upcoming event. We will list links to the lay minister schedule and the news and events page on the church's webpage. The newsletter will continue to include the collect and readings for the upcoming Sunday, birthday and anniversaries. In addition, we are adding the list of those on our prayer list.

We will continue to improve all of our communications. Please send us your feedback and comments.

Upcoming Worship Calendar:

- November 1: **All Saints' Day**, Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Reading of the Names 6:15pm
- November 13: **Annual Meeting & Potluck Brunch**, Combined service 9:30am
- November 20: **Baptism of Townsend Blalock Walters** 10:30am
- November 23: **Thanksgiving Eve**, Holy Eucharist Rite II with Hymns 6:15 pm
- November 27: **First Sunday of Advent**, Rite I 8:30am; Rite II 10:30am
- November 30: **Evening Prayer begins** (each Wednesday evening through Dec. 21) 6:15 pm
- December 11: **Bishop's Visit**, Combined service at 9:30am
- December 18: **Advent Lessons and Carols**, 10:30am (Rite I 8:30am)
- December 24: **Christmas Eve**, Rite II 5:30pm and Rite II 11:00pm
- December 25: **Christmas Day**, Rite II with Harpsichord 10:30am
- January 1: **New Year's Day**, Rite II with Harpsichord 10:30am
- January 6: **Celebration of Epiphany**, Rite II Instructed Eucharist followed by a Chili Dinner

Holy Land 2013

William Herndon and Maria LeRose

We to invite you to join us on the journey of a lifetime!

Over the course of 10 days we will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Sea of Galilee. We will travel together, along with United Methodist Bishop, Lindsey Davis and the Kentucky United Methodist Conference. Our journey begins when we depart on January 23, 2013. The total cost of this amazing 10 day trip is \$2998, and you can depart from Cincinnati, Louisville, Lexington, and Nashville (other cities around the world also can and will join us). The cost includes fuel surcharges, administrative fees and gratuities. As well as, deluxe motor-coaches, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to sites visited, Superior First class hotels, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner Daily, and an Online Bible Study Guide. For more information contact William Herndon at w.herndon@me.com or 270-283-2677. You can also register today by going to www.eo.travelwithus.com.

Be sure when registering to use William's tour host I.D. of 53755. This is the number they will use to keep us together, as well as to help William receive credits toward the cost of his trip.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Charles Ferguson	4 Jane Brantley Elaine Hammonds	5
6 Louise Medaris Brenda Wilson	7	8	9	10 Lois Anderson Sarah Thompson	11 Greg Jefferson	12 Neva Thompson
13	14	15 Janet & Larry Gordon	16 Cindy Arnold Amy Meaux	17 Maeve Luci Marshall	18	19
20	21 Bill Gill	22	23 Taylor Whitsell	24	25	26
27	28 Mary Robin Spoonamore Jan Sheffield & Jeff Cooper	29	30			

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Steve Martin & Jennifer Brummett	2	3 Clayton Williams
4	5	6 Sarah Marguerite Zachman	7	8 Clara Bleier	9	10 David Seidel Keith Dunn
11	12	13 Elayne Edwards Lydia Pope	14 Carey Thompson	15 Ron Gardiner Mickey Robertson	16 Sal Maffucci Dot Neale	17 Virginia May
18	19	20	21	22 Walter Nimocks	23 Elisabeth Nesmith	24 Mary Eaton Williams Carol Cox
25	26 Phil & Mary Lou Garland	27	28 Jan Sheffield Beth Swanson Bob & Lisa Nesmith	29 John Neale Hicks Ron & Margaret Gardiner	30 Michael Burns Neva & John Thompson	31 Christopher Whitsell