



# TRINITY WORLD NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

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## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Now that the trees behind the church have been cut, we are looking at a little more cleanup to finish off the task. Also, a green privacy screen (like you see on tennis courts) is being ordered to place on the chain link fence to create a visual barrier from the neighbor's backyard.
2. A scholarship was approved for Olivia Potter, as she continues her doctorate studies in chiropractic medicine.
3. We are looking at replacing the desk top computer in the church office, which has seen many years of use. If you have any expertise or recommendations in this area, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions!!
4. Council met on April 21, and our next meeting will be on May 19th...after our Pentecost worship service, and before the Penny Party begins. :)
5. We set the date of this year's Annual Meeting for June 3rd. We hope you will be able to attend, as we review the past year's activities and projects. We will also vote on re-electing Dick Kekis and Kathy Wood for their second 3 year terms, and vote on representatives to attend the Oneida Association's spring and fall meetings.

As always, feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts and suggestions...

Kathy Wood, Sue Gatley, Sarah Barcomb, Gerry Nelson, May Klepadlo, Dick Kekis, Danyell Coccia

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 11th--(Saturday)** Rome Rotary Chicken BBQ- 12:00pm to 4:00pm, Westgate Plaza, 1148 Earle Blvd West.

**May 12th-(Sunday)** Mother's Day

**May 19th (Sunday)** Spring Penny Party



### Dates, Times and Locations for the Youth Group

(Sponsored & supported by First Presbyterian & Trinity Churches)

May 12th- First Presbyterian Church

June 9- Trinity Church

Times: 5:00 pm to 7:30pm

**June 2nd-** Mini-Golf Outing



## PASTOR KAREN'S KORNER FOR MAY

When on the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind And it filled the entire house.... Acts 2:1-2 (NRSV).

It is the end of April and now we are entering May, Spring time and flowers blooming. The sound of birds and yes the sound of rushing wind. Pentecost on the 19th of May is the end of the 50 days after Easter. A time when we remember how the Holy Spirit came to the many who were gathered, they were able to speak with each other and hear in their own native tongue. A time of gathering and unity. It is a feast of the mysterious movement of God. A time of God entering the lives of those gathered in a way that brought hope, changed their lives. Those who gathered in fear in that Upper Room, together in terror felt the uncontrolled and unexpected energy that came with the rushing wind. Oh for us to feel that energy, that surge of the wind of God come into our lives today when we feel sad, scared and lacking hope because of what is going on in the world. Yet there are times, when we least expect the wind to come into our lives and to make us again feel the courage, the hope and the calming feeling that God is there with us.

There are times when I have felt that I needed to be in a place of calmness and yet I am determined to get things done that I feel are so important that they need to be finished. But then something happens. The battery for the lawn mower is not charged and so I cannot cut the grass. And so I resign myself to charge it and to just sit on the porch with my four legged friend and relax. Suddenly a storm comes up and I just relax there listening to the rain. I guess I was not supposed to cut the lawn but instead listen to the rain and eventually I fell asleep for a brief nap. I felt renewed, more relaxed and ready for the rest of the day. Funny how God works.

I hope that at times you will feel that rush of wind either as a gentle breeze or just a time when you are given that time to renew, relax and to receive that hope. I want to end with part of a poem about Pentecost.

Come, Spirit who is our Light.  
Shine among the shadows within.  
Warm and transform our hearts.  
Come, Spirit who energizes our being.  
Keep us from the tangles of toil and travail.  
Lead us to moments of prayer and play.  
Come, Spirit of wisdom and insight.  
Draw us toward your goodness and light.  
Direct our growth and guide our ways.  
Come, Spirit, strength of wounded ones.  
Be warmth in hearts of those grown cold.  
Empower the powerless. Rekindle the weary.

Joyce Rupp



*Blessings*

*Pastor Karen Marshall*

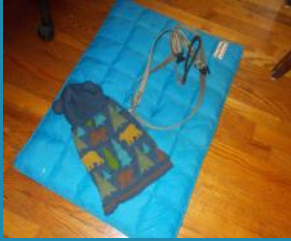
# Past Events

## DONATIONS TO THE ROME HUMANE SOCIETY



Rome Rotary was conducting a drive to benefit the Rome Humane Society.

Photo on left Kathy Wood and Jeannie Packard with all the donations. On the right, a photo of Jeannie and Don Packer dropping off the donations.



8 towels, 5 wash cloths, 8 blankets, 1 dog bed/pad, 8 dog sweaters, 6 collars, 12 pkgs. tennis balls with 2 per package, 2 fire hydrants, 23 miscellaneous toys

1 bag dog kibble, Dog biscuits, 2 cans dog food, 1 leash with collar \$150.00 total cash.

Thanks to all who donated.



Above is a photo of the Art Exhibit of original paintings by Linda Fedigan-Hale.



Photos to the right are people looking at the exhibit of interests and hobbies by The Trinity Church family.



April Youth Group



Shopping for the Penny Party

## Community Events for May

### Whirlwind Spirit Concert

at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 5748 Stokes Lee Center Rd. in Lee Center

On May 17th (Friday) 7pm

"Altano Music" (String quartet), accompanied by Jennifer Evans Fitzgibbon and Aaron Browka

### RCS Spring Festival

Rome Catholic School, located at 800 Cypress St.

May 4th and 5th ( 12-5pm)

Raffles, Bake Sale, Food Trucks and more

### Lee Community Church Rummage Sale

4731 State Rt. 69-Rome Taberg Rd. Taberg  
May 18th (10:00am-4:00pm)

### Rome Rotary Chicken BBQ

May 11th (12:00-4:00pm)

Westgate Plaza, 1148 Erie Blvd. West.

\$16.00 (1/2 chicken and 2 sides)

# Trinity Tidbits

May 2024

## The Evolution of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day weekend is among the busiest for travel in the United States and the unofficial start of summer.

The holiday grew out of the Civil War, as Americans struggled to honor the staggering numbers of dead soldiers with several places claiming to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Following the fall of Ft. Sumter in April 1861 and the beginning of the Civil War the nation was swept with war fever.

After listening to recruiting officers, James Wyman Johnson of Waterloo, NY decided to enlist. Hastening home from the field where he had been mowing hay, he told his parents of his intention to join the army. He carefully placed his scythe which he had been using, in the crotch of a tree which was only about eight inches in diameter, and said "Leave this scythe in the tree until I return". He returned in 1863 on furlough but returned to battle leaving the scythe still hanging in the tree. He died from wounds in 1864 but his parents refusing to believe the report, left the scythe in the tree.

Another account of honoring those who served in the Civil War comes from Boalsburg, Pa., where, in October 1864, three women are said to have placed flowers and wreaths on the graves of men who had died serving the Union.

In May 1865, just after the war ended, a large procession was held in the ruined city of Charleston, S.C. where thousands of Black Americans commemorated the lives of Union captives buried in a mass grave with hundreds of women following with baskets of flowers, wreaths and crosses.

On May 5, 1866, Waterloo, N.Y., was decorated with flags at half-mast, "draped with evergreens and mourning black,". In Columbus, MS., that same year, women were said to have placed flowers on the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers.

Historians agree that the first widely held commemoration was in 1868, when Gen. John A. Logan, the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, called for a national holiday to remember the Civil War dead. Their bodies, he said, lay in almost every city, village and churchyard. On May 30, Mr. Logan wrote encouraging an order to be "designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country."

An article published on May 31, 1870, describes processions in New York City and Brooklyn (then separate cities), among other places honoring the deceased. The story noted that, aside from Independence Day, there was "no day that calls out the patriotic feelings of our people more than 'Memorial Day.'"

In Waterloo, NY, in 1918, two brothers placed scythes in this same tree where James Johnson had left his scythe, when they left home after enlisting in the navy. Both men returned, but their scythes remain embedded tree also.

Our church member, Elsa Kiepert visited the scythe tree and the Decoration Day celebration in 1933 in Waterloo as she and her family were headed to Michigan to visit family.

On March 7, 1966 Waterloo, N.Y. was designated "The Birthplace of Memorial Day in Albany, NY when Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed a proclamation to that effect. The House of Representatives and the Senate unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolutions which reads: Resolved that the Congress of the United States, in recognition of the patriotic tradition set in motion one hundred years ago in the village of Waterloo, NY does hereby officially recognize Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Congress formally changed the commemoration's name in 1967 from Decoration Day to Memorial Day and in 1971 the government decreed that Memorial Day should occur not on May 30 each year, but on the last Monday of May.

The change was part of a broader effort to create three-day weekends according to the American Historical Association. They wanted it to be an opportunity for people to be able to gather.

Michael, Elsa and I visited the site of the scythe tree in Waterloo in the fall of 2022. In July 2023 the top of the tree toppled over however, the section with the scythes remains.

The modern proclamation calls on Americans “to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their individual religious beliefs”.

A greeting to people for Memorial Day is, I hope your Memorial Day is meaningful.

*Melody Kiepert Milewski*

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MAY 21ST- ROBERT & MELANIE GLUR



Happy Birthday

- May 1st- Deeambra Klepadlo
- May 3rd- Addison Hewlett
- May 4th- Penelope Anastasia Clarke
- May 5th- Carl Barcomb
- May 7th- Bruce Groff
- May 11th- Sue Gatley
- May 15th- Jameson Arnold
- May 17th- Paul Montross
- May 19th- Elijah Arnold
- May 19th- Jack Hewlett