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**Obituary for
Frances Marie Graichen
May 5, 1931 to August 16, 2024
93 years 3 months 11 days**

The daughter of Earl Sr. and Doris [Utley] Frawley, she is predeceased by her three brothers, Earl Jr., William, and Robert Sr.; by her husband, Frank G. Sr., her daughter, Sandra, and granddaughter, Heidi Marie.

Frances and Frank Sr. were married on July 2, 1949 in Beneficent Congregational Church of Providence, R.I. Frank and Frances left Esmond, R.I., at the suggestion of her husband to start a new life in East Manchester, NH.

Known as Fran, was a woman of Christian faith and service all her life, the family attended First Congregational Church, UCC in Manchester for many years. In later times, she attended her son's church in Haverhill, Mass and then in Rome, NY. She became a real part of the church in Rome where she made many friends, among them Mrs. Eleanor Trowell.



Fran was a pioneer, a free-spirit and a liberal. She loved travel. Of her travels she enjoyed going to Memphis, Tenn. with my Dad, to Bermuda, camping in Pittsburg, NH on Lake Francis, fishing with the family on Massabesic Lake for horned bout on Friday night, going to Expo '67 in Montreal for the World's Fair, and even went to Russia to help her family with adoption of children from orphanages there. She supported the LGBTQ community. She lived 65 years in her home in Manchester. At 90, she handed me the keys to her car saying, 'I told you I would give up driving at 90. Here! Of course it was also with the event of a, as she called it, little finder-bender'! She was a brilliant lover of cross-word puzzles, Boggle, scramble and rummy. Many knew her through the cafeteria of Green Acres Elementary school. An ardent supporter of 4-H for many years, she combined her talents with Mrs. Dorothy Hebert and Mrs. Lucille LaBerge. She was a member of the Red Hatters, and was a governess for many years. Fran is remembered for her laughter, progressive thought and love of camping and nature. Her love of music spanned many genre: Beach Boys, Pavarotti, Bocelli, Country Western, Christian music especially the Gaithers, Tennessee Ernie Ford and old music from the Pilgrim Hymnal at Church. No one tied her down! She loved life to the fullest.

Family members include her son, the Rev. Frank Graichen, Jr. and his wife Sandra of Lee Center, NY; six grandchildren, Melissa Kubicki, Frank Graichen III, Rachael Graichen, Christopher Graichen, Sr., Jessica Lampkin, and Kimberly Beck; 14 great grandchildren; and nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A private graveside service took place at the NH State Veterans Cemetery where she was interred with pride next to her husband.

Eleanor R. Trowell, age 102,

passed away peacefully at Bethany Gardens on Friday, August 23, 2024.

Eleanor was born in Floyd on November 24, 1921, to the late William and Louise Schantz Rumrill, and graduated from RFA. On December 11, 1948, she was united in marriage to Robert “Bob” Trowell at the Trinity United Church of Christ; a blessed union of nearly 63 years until his passing on December 5, 2011. She worked as a secretary at General Cable in Rome.

Eleanor had many interests and always maintained a wonderful vegetable garden. She enjoyed golfing, downhill and cross-country skiing, photography, and sewing which she did beautifully. Her favorite activity however was travelling with Bob which they did often. They took frequent trips to the Caribbean islands where Bob would scuba dive and Eleanor would snorkel and earned the title of Golden Snorkeler. Bob designed and built their family home on Lake Delta that they enjoyed together. The lake was a constant source of enjoyment for the whole family.

Eleanor was a life member of the Wednesday Morning Club which she had been a member of for over 50 years. Her and her family were members of the Trinity Church dating back to her grandparents.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter, Kristine Dombek of Rome; her niece, Susan (Jim) Szabo of Ruskin, FL; and her loving and faithful dog, Maxi. She was predeceased by her sisters, Helen Brady, and Marguerite Flaherty; and several aunts and uncles, including her uncle, John Schantz, who was mayor of Rome in the 1940s.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, August 31, at 12 Noon at the Trinity United Church of Christ, 215 W. Court Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Rome and/or the Lake Delta Fire Department.



Trinity’s Tidbits for September 2024

I saw this poem in the Fishwrapper Stories Volume 1 book and thought it would be good words to live by.

Smiling is infectious;
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around this corner,
And somebody saw my grim.
When he smiled, I realized
I’d passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.
So, If you feel a smile begin,
Don’t leave it undetected.
Let’s start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected!





2nd	Helen Brodock
4th	Chris Carinci
5th	David Brodock
7th	Avery Carinci
9th	Christopher Carinci
16th	D.J. Martin Coccia Jr.
26th	Judy Palmer
27th	Ellie Marie Bombaci



September

12th	Diana & Tom Clarke
30th	Fred & Gayle Illingworth

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Around the time of our July/August newsletter is when the tornado struck our area of Rome. An amazing amount of work has been done city-wide to begin to recover from the devastation. Trinity Church was spared from horrific damage, thank God, but we do have a lot of repairs that are in the process of being taken care of, thanks in large part to Bruce Groff contacting people to do the work needed. Thank you, Bruce!!

Cindy Rouillier contacted our insurance agency, Guide One, to begin the process of making a claim to help cover our repairs. Our deductible is \$2500. An adjuster came to survey the damage, and this process is ongoing.

Basically, our damages were as follows:

- Roof damage, to the copper roof above the sanctuary and the shingled roof in the back. Rieben Roofing will be doing the repairs.
- Three windows in the back have cracks, luckily were not bad enough to allow water to enter.
- Paul and Sue Gatley cut and removed a tree and branches that blew over on our back fence. Thank you so much!!
- There was an extensive amount of debris that blew into our rear gravel parking lot and yard areas, including shingle pieces and insulation. Much of that was picked up by Mike, Vincent, Cindy, Karen, and I, but we also hired a worker to remove loads of debris and to weed whack.
- The Masonry Worker will be replacing a large rectangle of masonry that came loose from the top corner at the front of the church.
- When the other work is completed we will have a professional service power wash the entire building.
- We will then have Olney's come to refresh the landscaping out front.

Our next Council meeting will be on Sunday, September 22, at 11:15.

As always, contact any Council member with questions or suggestions!

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

Announcements

Exercise Classes at Trinity Beginning September 9th

Instructor: Feidy Miner

Kettlebell: Mondays 6 to 7 pm. Kettlebells provided, participants will need to bring their own mat.

Zumba/Zumba Toning: Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm. Use of light weights for part of the class. Weights will be provided.

Pound: Saturdays 9 to 10am. Sticks will be provided, participants will need to bring their own mat.

Everyone is welcome, cost is \$8 per class or you can purchase a punch card for \$72 which will cover 12 classes.

Pastor Karen's Korner for September 2024

Well September is here and school has begun. The children are excited for the most part and so are the teachers. It is a time for a new beginning for them and I pray that it will be a good year for them.

It is time for the harvest and a time when our world now becomes filled with the colors of orange, yellow and gold from the trees as they change. The leaves will die to prepare for the spring and new growth. That is the circle that continues each year in our world. The days grow shorter and there is more darkness and then in the Spring the days again become longer and there is more light. And so it is with life. I found a poem to share with you this day.

Not just at harvest time,
Do we need to have a reason
We can plant seeds of hope
In and out of every season

We can reap souls to Jesus
No matter the time of year
It doesn't have to be Autumn
Harvest time is always here.
Seeds of faith can be planted
Into the hearts of everyone
Whether under snowy covers
Or the warm blanket of the sun.

We can gather in the lost,
Bring back a wondering soul
It needn't be just in the fall
For the harvest God controls
Its always harvest time
We don't need to have a reason
We can sow seeds of hope
In and out of every season.

RAKING LEAVES

I raked the leaves on our front lawn;
It took all afternoon.
I started at 'round half past one
and said, "I'll be done soon."

But once I saw how more leaves fell
Each time I made a pile,
I quickly saw this outdoor chore
Was going to take a while.

And so I did what my dad said
A winner does to win:
I studied that great pile of leaves,
And then I jumped right in.



Excerpt: "Suze Biner Was Afraid of the Drain"
By Barbara Vance at SuzieBiner.com

I hope that you like this second poem. So have some fun and jump in .
Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Photos from Picnic



Photos of our annual picnic, our group picture, our smiling cooks Michele & Madelyn Colosimo, and songs by Aaron Browka. Enjoying each others company and all that delicious food.

Photo of the group of students from Hamilton College, that stayed at the church for several days, while doing community service in the area. They were very appreciative to have a comfortable place to sleep and facilities cook their meals.



Fall Activities and Events

Join us for our activities which are scheduled for every Sunday following our 10:00 am service.

Enjoy lunches, movies, crafts, special events, tours and dinners.

If you have any questions, give Melody a call at 315-832-2009.

September 8th- Welcome Back !!!

Pot luck luncheon, please bring a dish to share. Fall crafts and games for all following the luncheon.

September 15- Visits to Presidential Grave Sites

Photos and information by Fred Rapp

Visiting and documenting his visits to presidential grave sites has been a hobby of Fred's since 1964. This will be held during coffee hour, after morning service.

September 22- "Noah", the movie

Showing will be held in the lounge after service. This movie was filmed before a live studio audience at Sight and Sound Theaters, Lancaster, PA. It features a panoramic view of the stage with live animals. Sight and Sound Theaters is a Christian theater which produces inspirational musicals with biblical themes.

September 29- Driving tour of Downtown Rome

A one hour driving tour of parts downtown Rome, will be offered from one of Melody's books. After the tour, we will stop for ice cream and/or lunch at Nicky Doodles. Additional one hour tour dates can be added to the future.

October 6- Pot Luck Lunch

Pot luck luncheon, please bring a dish to share. Fall crafts and games for all following the luncheon.

October 13- Pastor Karen shares her hobbies

Pastor Karen will be telling us about her many hobbies she enjoys. Held during coffee hour.

October 20- "Jonah" the movie

Will be shown in the lounge following service. This was filmed before a live studio audience at Sight and Sound Theaters, Lancaster, PA, featuring live animals and a panoramic view of the stage.

October 27- Driving tour of Downtown Rome

A one hour driving tour of parts downtown Rome, will be offered from one of Melody's books. After the tour, we will stop for lunch. Additional one hour tour dates can be added to the future.

November 3- Pot Luck Lunch

Pot luck luncheon, please bring a dish to share. Fall crafts and games for all following the luncheon.

November 10- Marge Runice will share her hobbies.

Marge Runice will share her interests and hobbies with us during coffee hour. If you have not seen the cards she makes you are in for a treat.

November 17- Annual Sauerbraten Dinner

Our traditional sauerbraten dinner, prepared by the Gatley family following service on Stewardship Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the kitchen door starting the beginning of November, so we can plan on number of meals needed.

November 24- Christmas Penny Party

Our annual christmas penny party, open to the public, doors opening at 11:30am.

December 1- Hanging of the Greens

After service, there will be a pot luck lunch. After lunch we will be trimming the church, both inside and out to prepare for the celebration of Advent. There will also be a craft table set up for anyone wanting to participate.