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CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. At our last Council meeting Pastor Karen told us about a meeting she had attended with other Rome pastors and community group representatives. A local woman is hoping to organize a group called “Stable Families”, with a goal to assist single mothers in need. A case worker would assess their specific needs and help to find support in many aspects of their life. There would need to be coordination with other entities already in our community that provide some help, and hopefully supplement those. Another meeting will be held soon, so we will hear more details (including funding requests) which we will discuss at our next Council meeting on March 16th.
2. Last year Council agreed that we wanted to spend the bulk of our Benevolence funds on local organizations. We encourage you to tell us of any favorite causes that you would like us to support. We continue to also fund many projects outside of our local area, including natural disaster situations, but we keep a large focus on our community. We’d love to hear your thoughts!!

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

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

Pastor Karen's Korner March 2025

We have made it though February and we are rounding the corner to March and hopefully a taste of Spring. It had been a rough week for the community with so much snow and ice and I pray that we do not get any more snow but, well it is northern New York and what can we expect. Yet the warmth of God's love is here for us. Lent begins on the 9th of March and continues until Easter, which is on the 20th of April. Throughout Lent we will have the Lenten Luncheons at several churches including here at Trinity. Here is the lineup of the lunches locations, meals will be served at Noon.

1. March 6th – Trinity
2. March 13th – St. Paul's Catholic Church
3. March 20th – Zion Episcopal / First Presbyterian
4. March 27th – First Baptist
5. April 3rd – Trinity
6. April 10th – Methodist Church

On Maundy Thursday at Trinity we will have a pot luck at 6:00pm and service at 7:00pm after the meal.

This is a new service and I think it will be one that will get into your heart and soul. It is a combined service for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, one in which you will have a chance to experience the blending of the traditional biblical texts and the stories of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Tenebrae liturgies in a different way that will include sight and sound.

As we begin to focus on Lent, may we take this time to reflect on our lives and our journey with Christ. May we take time to look at our lives, what we do and what we do not do. To look at those times when we look at our failures, and we may feel parched and thirsty. The times when we may feel like the bones laying in the desert, waiting for God to come and put us back together with grace. For we need to realize that when we come to God and ask forgiveness for our sins, we can be made whole again.

I want to end with parts of a poem by
Gay Williams

Lent – an invitation
To reflect, to reconsider,
To slow down, to discover.
Invited by Jesus
To join him on the journey
Invited to humble ourselves.
Sometimes, on that dusty road
I feel lonely, and am fearful
What lies ahead?
Will I be able to withstand the challenges?
Will I be enough?
Will I respond with joy
To the blessings to be realized?
We are called forth
Out of the winter of ourselves
To re-imagine our relationship with God
On Ash Wednesday we are marked –
Tagged as Christ's own;
Humbled now, readied to be exalted
As we draw closer to that place called Jerusalem.

Blessings for you this month and always.
Pastor Karen



Trinity Tidbits

In February we held our Trinity Treasures and Tasty Treats event. Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell, baked the tasty treats and donated the food for the lunches we sold. Your donations made it possible to have \$0 expenses for this event. We had stormy weather for all three days of the event however, I am pleased to report we made \$587.75. This money goes into the church fund and will be used for expenses and donations the church makes.


As we continue to struggle through this harsh winter, we look forward to spring. The clocks will be changed on March 9, with the amount of daylight increasing. We will be having a Mardi Gras themed potluck and our Quilt Display. In March we will be holding our quilt exhibit which will feature over 30 quilts brought to us from church members, friends and new acquaintances. This is another fully donated event where the quilts, items for the raffle, lunch food and treats we will be selling are donated with \$0 cost to the church. There is no admission charge to attend the exhibit but we will have a basket at the admission table for donations. We will also be selling lunch on Saturday and Sunday from 11– 3 along with more tasty treats to purchase. All money collected will be donated to Hospice of New Hartford.

Join us for a walk through our display of quilts on Friday, March 14 from 3 – 6 pm, Saturday, March 15 from 9 - 4 and Sunday March 16 from 11 – 4. We will be offering lunch and a bake sale on Saturday and again on Sunday immediately following our morning service. Thanks to all who support our events.

Melody Kiepert Milewski

Activities Director

CHINA BEFORE COMMUNISM
神韻晚會 2025
SHEN YUN



Mar 11–12
Syracuse
The Oncenter
Crouse Hinds Theater

Apr 22–23
Albany / Schenectady
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ALL-NEW 2025 PRODUCTION WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA
Shen Yun Performing Arts is a New York-based nonprofit organization. Its mission is to revive 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture. Shen Yun cannot be seen in China today.