



Trinity Tidings

From the Rector:

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the show Northern Exposure? It was about a New York City doctor who ended up working in a small Alaska town in the middle of nowhere. Talk about a fish out of water!

One of the funnier episodes (in my mind anyway) had to do with the shop-keeper wearing a lighted visor during the darkest days of winter. It turns out that Sue-Anne had Seasonal Affective Disorder. That was the first I'd ever heard of that.

A few years later, I was living in South Bend, Indiana, and experienced "lake-effect" winter weather. We had one sunny day in six weeks that year. And when my doctor diagnosed me as having Seasonal Affective Disorder I panicked because I thought I was going to have to wear a dorky visor every day. Thankfully, there were other treatment options.

I still get a bit morose if we have more than three cloudy days in a row, but living in Oklahoma and especially here in New Mexico helps a lot. But the short days and cold weather this time of year do impact people. A funeral director once told me that more people pass away between mid-November and the end of February than at any other time of year. Shorter, darker days can feel less hopeful. And the holidays, which can be magical when we are young, sometimes make us feel loss more deeply than at other times.

But I find Advent to be an antidote to the blues we can feel this time of year. Advent is a quiet season of hopeful anticipation that points, like John the Baptist, to a reality that is bigger and brighter than we can possibly imagine. Soon we will turn the corner and the days will start to lengthen again. We know that God, our God, is with us in the struggle. The future God has for us, individually and as the Church, is beyond anything we can ask or imagine, and it is just over the horizon.

As the calendar year winds down, I want to let you know how grateful I am to be here. I love this quirky community and I love Trinity on the Hill. I don't know about you but, despite the chaos we sometimes deal with out in the world, it seems like good things are happening all around us here at TOTH. In the last few weeks we have had fun and successful events like the Fiesta Dinner, the Children's Christmas Bazaar, and Advent Lessons and Carols. The energy and hopefulness around here is picking up noticeably. And many of our members have helped move our financial situation from precarious to more stable. That stability enables us to move in a direction of greater vitality and growth as we look forward to 2025. Thank you dear friends, for all that you have done and all you continue to do.

God bless us, every one!

Mary Ann+



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

7:00 pm: Compline

Wednesday

12:30 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome**

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Hello!

When you read this, the activity-filled weekend of Los Alamos Winterfest will have passed. A couple of big events in our life at Trinity on the Hill will be happy memories. One of those events is the Children's Christmas Bazaar, which sees hundreds of excited children come and pick out thoughtful gifts for the special people in their lives. I always look forward to wrapping presents at the bazaar. It is such fun to see the kids' happy faces, listen to their stories about the gifts that they chose, and share in their excitement as they pick out wrapping paper and bows. Many thanks to the huge number of volunteers who make this event special for the youngest members of our community!

Our Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be done and I do hope that you were able to attend. After our rehearsal this week, I'm very excited to sing the beautiful music that our choir has prepared and to listen to the lessons that will be read. I love this service that helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Another big event this week was the Shop on the Corner Open House. The volunteers transformed the Shop into a beautiful, festive space to do some Christmas shopping and to take a few minutes to get caught up with the familiar faces of other shoppers. I'm grateful for the extraordinary work that the Shop volunteers do for our community, as well as other communities throughout the state. Please say thank you to them when you see them!

Trinity on the Hill is a special place that shares God's love in a number of ways. It is through your giving that we are able to do these things. As you know, we have been operating at a budget deficit this year. Thanks to some very generous donations in November, the deficit has been reduced but still remains. Our treasurer, Leni Moore, will share specific details about that soon. As 2024 comes to an end, please consider whether you are able to make a contribution to further reduce our financial shortcoming. We truly appreciate your generosity, which allows us to serve, grow, and share the love of Christ.

As we head into January, we'll be looking for a few new people to serve on the Vestry. Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you might serve Trinity on the Hill. It's a great way to learn how the church runs, to get to know some of your fellow church members better, and to get to know Mother Mary Ann in a whole different capacity. (There are also goodies at each Vestry meeting!) If you want to learn more, please ask me or any of the other Vestry members.

I wish you all a beautiful season of Advent as you wait and hope for the coming of Christ. As Christmas arrives, I wish you a blessed celebration with family and friends, full of new memories.

In Christ,
Kandice Favorite
kdfave@gmail.com

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

OK, let's see. Where do I begin.

How about with Cole Porter "*Begin the Beguine*"?

I missed writing to you all a couple of times recently so either a sense of duty or the call of guilt [or the Editor! Ed.] compels me to sit still for this today. Of course, you will normally be reading this sometime later, but the message should still convey. I was having an out of mind experience, or two, maybe three(?) those months, but now I've got some hot chonklity coffee close at hand and some fleeting glimpses of idea, somewhere. Hmmmm, now where did I put those again? Oh well, maybe I will remember later. Wait, there's one of 'em now.



So whutz been happening around the church? Well, Brad has built some new and improved ice melt containers, placed at key doorways. Look for the orange buckets with nice lids. Thank you Brad; I'll watch to keep them stocked. We still have several bags left from last year so we don't need to buy any for a while. Oh, and in November we survived the first snowfall, which caused the first school closures and first "don't go to work today" days of the year. Yippee? Will any of you be able to come over and shovel for the next weather incident? You would be grateful. Coming soon to the church near you.

Judy has been reaching out to painters and asking for them to offer estimates for a Kelly Hall painting project. Watch for that work soon. I still am bothered by those jagged cracks in the KH Lobby which I have written about before. Maybe I could ask these paint people to help but otherwise would any of you like to learn some of the steps for filling them in? I could get the tools for you.

I have been working on a project to improve and enhance the computer network and internet availability in our meeting rooms. Some of this work will make the internet access more reliable for users and includes increasing the awareness of having wired connections to the internet for better throughput. On the "hey, could we do this?" list I will ask for help with cable installation through the organ pipes room to extend Wi-Fi coverage to the Sanctuary thermostat, so that Leni can more easily manage its operation, and then this will coincidentally extend Wi-Fi access to Shop On The Corner. From the "been wanting to do this" list, I will ask for help with adding wiring in the Sanctuary to improve the outgoing internet connection for the Streaming Media team. Outdoors, extending and adding to landscape lighting is still on another of my lists and daily I am awareness-ed of the occasional indoor light fixture maintenance. Then there is the "door-bacle": my comedic way of diffusing my stress over the failing operability of our doors, primarily the Pella Doors around Kelly Hall, but any door you pass through might benefit from attention. Some a little, some head-shakenly, a lot. Looking for interested parties. Any of these could be more opportunities to share your knowledge or abilities among the Buildings & Grounds Ministry or just participate in the project and learn about it. I love to teach and would welcome joiners. 2025 is on the horizon and might offer many opportunities on weekends or maybe more during weekdays. Goteny ideers or willingness-es? Since 2025 is an "off" year, I could substitute Vestry meeting evenings for B&G meeting evenings?

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And then there is that thing that few think about. The year 2025 will be an “off” year for my commitment to Vestry, so who among you would dare to consider joining? And if you would, then they will be asking for a candidate to assume the position of Junior Warden. Someday I might be allowed as a candidate again and could then perhaps resume. Please consider; it’s not that scary. For several days, as I think about this, the refrain from “Don’t Forget Me...” a song by Glass Tiger keeps running through my mind. “That’s just wacky” you might think? No, “it’s just Marky” I say.

Serviceably Yours,

Mark Hartman, your Junior Warden, at present.



From the Editor:

Dear TOTH friends,

This is the last issue of Trinity Tidings for 2024. I will take a break from compiling and editing in January of the New Year. So, I send you all my best wishes for blessed Advent and Christmas seasons and I wish everyone a healthy, happy New Year. Where did 2024 go?

Blessings,
Claire

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, December 20, 6:00 pm | Open House at Susan Sprake’s Home |
| December 24, 2024—January 2, 2025 | TOTH Office Holiday Closure |
| Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm | Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant |
| Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 pm | Carols and Midnight Mass |
| Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am | Christmas Day Holy Eucharist |
| Tuesday, December 31; 6:00 pm | New Year’s Eve Party at the Rothrocks’ Home |
| Sunday, January 5, 2025, 6:00 pm | Epiphany Eve Service, followed by middle-eastern potluck |

ALTAR GUILD

The TOTH Altar Guild will be having its cleaning day for Christmas on
Saturday, December 14, 2024, beginning at 9 am.

The preparations for the Church holidays will be reviewed and the Altar made ready.

Interested in Altar Guild? Speak to one of the co-chairs: Marilyn Lisowski, Linda Light, or Ellie Giovanielli.



MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is back!

A Christmas tree is up on the Kelly Hall stage for you to adorn with items for the Pathways Homeless Shelter in Espanola. Needed are hats, gloves and socks for men, women and children. Also needed are warm blankets. Handmade or store-bought, the need is great.

The tree will remain up until **Sunday, January 5, 2025.**

For more information, contact Nancy Wurden.



God Willing and the People Consenting:

The Right Reverend Michael Buerkel Hunn

Bishop of the Rio Grande

will ordain

Jerome Tywan Williams

to the sacred Order of Priests

in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on

Friday, the twentieth of December

Two thousand twenty-four

4 o'clock in the afternoon

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

703 East Bond Street

Española, New Mexico

Reception following

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: Cassock, Surplice, White Stole

FIESTA ON THE HILL REPORT

The Fiesta on the Hill was a huge success! Many thanks to all those who donated their time, silent auction items, dessert auction items and to those who participated in the event.

We are grateful to the LAHS Key Club and ROTC for the numerous young people who came to help us with the Fiesta. Jeff Favorite was a wonderful MC (below center), who led a lively dessert auction, while Claire Singleton showed off the desserts to the crowd (below left). A colorful show of Ballet Folklorico (bottom right) was performed by talented young ladies from Moving Arts Española. Ramon Iturralde played guitar and sang beautiful Spanish music (bottom left). In addition to a slideshow of previous builds, Mandie Gehring, Sara Bulthuis (below right), and Beth and Roger Smithson (via video) shared an account of their experiences building homes with the House of Hope Team.

Over 90 people attended the Fiesta, including many children who enjoyed the crafts and bidding on Pokémon Cards in the Silent Auction! It was a spirit-filled evening, and we were so blessed to have raised over \$7,500 towards a new home for a family in Juárez. **You were so very generous!**

The team is planning a 2025 build over the Veteran's Day holiday next November. If you think you might be interested in joining the team, or would like to learn more about the trip, please contact Jon and Julie Bulthuis jvbulthuis@msn.com or Joanna Gillespie joken94@gmail.com.





**HOLIDAY TREASURES
AT
SHOP ON THE CORNER**

CLOTHING: Women's and children's, all sizes and styles. Men's pants and shirts.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Dishes, small appliances, linens, cookware, tableware, and decorative items to meet your needs.

SPORTING GOODS: From skates to fishing gear. Equipment for all seasons and activewear for all ages.

FUN FOR KIDS: Toys, puzzles, board games and toys for all interests and ages. Look for climbing and riding toys.

THE BOUTIQUE: A small corner that includes more expensive women's clothing, jewelry, collectibles.

We look forward to hosting your Holiday Shopping and we thank you for your support.



Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library, led by Fr. Kelly

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission



The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in February. Submission deadline: Monday, January 27, 2025.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

FUN FACTS ABOUT SHOP ON THE CORNER

- * *The Shop* opened its doors soon after Trinity on the Hill's congregation began. It's been a Los Alamos tradition for almost 60 years. Today our client base is still growing and the "secret" of the Shop is getting out.
- * It is one of the outreach missions of Trinity on the Hill.
- * *The Shop* has had many leaders, many of whom still volunteer with *The Shop*.
- * *The Shop* is the ultimate recycling center.
- * *The Shop* not only provides outreach for the church; it provides a service to the community through recycling, providing low-cost items to the community, and help to Northern New Mexico organizations.
- * Today we have approx. 33 active volunteers who give 2 hours or more a week to the work of *The Shop*. Many of these volunteers give 15-20 hours a week.
- * Our volunteers live in Los Alamos and surrounding communities.
- * In the early days *The Shop* might make \$35 to \$50 a week.
- * The Cerro Grande Fire turned *The Shop* upside down. It became a community resource for clothing and supplies. That year's Christmas sale netted approximately \$3000.
- * *The Shop* changed the Christmas sale to a sale that happens throughout late October to the end of December.
- * This year our goal is to reach \$100,000 in sales.
- * We donate to approx. 50 organizations and help during local, national and worldwide disasters.
- * 15% of our profits go directly to *Trinity on the Hill* to help offset the costs associated with this ministry.
- * We can always use volunteers, donations, and word-of-mouth help.

SEE YOU AT THE SHOP!



From the beautiful service of Advent Lessons and Carols, December 15

DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

December 2024

| Date | Time | Acolytes | LEM/LR | Prayers of the People, 10:30 | Media Team 10:30 | Usher 10:30 | Altar Guild |
|---------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 1 | 8:00 | Richard Triplett | Kay Dreamtrader, LR Richard Triplett, LEM | | | | Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light |
| | 10:30 | Ben Foley, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TB | Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR, Lisa Rothrock, LEM | Linda Light | Rachel/Rick | Andy Light Greeter: Rebecca | |
| Dec. 8 | 8:00 | Ben Schilling | Rozelle Wright | | | | Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle |
| | 10:30 | Ben Foley, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Gregory and Zachary M, TB | Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM | Joanna Gillespie | Richard/ Nancy | Maggie Moore Greeter: Kelli | |
| Advent Carols | 6 pm | Susan Sprake, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, River Yamada, TB | | | 6 pm: Bill/Rick | 6 pm: Maggie Moore | |
| | 8:00 | Louisa Singleton | Rob Baran | | | | Renee Roybal Karen Humphrey Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light |
| Dec 15 | 10:30 | River Yamada, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer | Sam McRae, LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM | Laurie Glascock | Bill/Richard | Andy Light Greeter: Patrick | |
| | 8:00 | Richard Triplett | Rozelle Wright | | | | Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore, Susannah Smith Sarah Rochester Andy and Linda Light Marilyn and Paul Lisowski |
| Dec 22 | 10:30 | Susan Sprake, Server Mariah Stephens, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TB | Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR Sam McRae, LEM | Lisa Rothrock | Rick/Bill | Maggie Moore Greeter: Kandice | |
| | 5 pm | River Yamada, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TB | Rozelle Wright, LEM/LR Sam McRae, LEM | Claire Singleton | Robin/Rachel | Maggie Moore | Rozelle and Brad Wright Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Kara Dean |
| Dec 24 | 10 pm | Mariah Stephens, Thruifer Luke Favorite, Server/Bells Isabella Stephens, Crucifer Richard Triplett, Susan Sprake TB | Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Rob Baran, LEM | Laurie Glascock | | Andy Light | Rozelle and Brad Wright Andy and Linda Light |
| | 10 am | Susan Sprake, Server/Crucifer | Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR | Claire Singleton | | | |
| Dec 25 | 8:00 | Joe Cox | Kay Dreamtrader, LR Joe Cox, LEM | | | | Karen Humphrey Jo Moore |
| | 10:30 | Ben Foley, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Gregory and Zachary Maginot, TB | Marilyn Lisowski LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM | Sam McRae | Richard/ Robin | Andy Light Greeter: Isabella | |

Come party, come eat, come swim, come drink, and come celebrate our annual New Year's Eve gathering with all! Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors, and LOTS of kids! The pool will be open from 6-10 pm, with a lifeguard included, so parents can relax and know the kids are safe.

The potluck party starts at 6 pm until midnight, New Year's Eve, with a Eucharist at 7 pm. We will provide a cooked ham and hot mulled wine.

Don't like to drive in the dark? I'll bet we can get you a ride—just give us a call. Hope to see you then!

The Rothrocks

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A festive graphic with the words "Happy New Year" written in a large, elegant, gold cursive font. The text is surrounded by a shower of small, sparkling gold and red stars and swirls, creating a celebratory and shimmering effect.

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