



Souper Bowl, the Commons and Lent

February 7, 2021: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

[Click here](#) to go to our website to watch the service (10:00 AM Sunday) and download the bulletin.

The Commons

An interested group of the Holy Trinity community met with leaders Debbie Murphy and Rich Dykstra recently to discuss how we might use our land resource for ministry to and with our community.

Rich and Debbie would like to thank those who attended and shared their thoughts.

The focus of the meeting was to discern two questions:

*How is God's ministry at Holy Trinity Episcopal church to be seen by the larger community?

* How can we utilize our Commons toward that purpose?

Some ideas: Nutritional Education Foundation, Collaborate with other local churches, Children Center, Dormitory, Art Center, Transitional Housing LGBTQ / young adults homeless.

There were some concerns about the Stations of the Cross and Labyrinth.



The Commons of Holy Trinity

Action Goals:

1. Each person at the meeting will invite others to join the next meeting.
2. People host smaller discussion groups (zoom or phone call)
3. Continue to discern with God's guidance.

SOUPER BOWL

The demand for food to feed our neighbors in need continues to grow during the pandemic. Many are out of work and struggling to put bread on the table.

Please help our outreach effort by participating in this year's SOUPer Bowl Challenge. From now until Sunday February 7, we will be collecting funds and cans of soup to be donated to the Green Apple Pantry.

Donations of soup may be made any Sunday during communion in the parking lot. A member of the Outreach Committee will be there to gather them in. Cash donations (with checks made out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church) can be collected then as well, or mailed to the church at any time. Please reference "SOUPer Bowl" with your donations.

The Outreach Committee, and your neighbors thank you!

Kevin Wells

**From the Episcopal
Diocese of Eastern and
Western Michigan**



We write today to announce the exciting news that the Assisting Bishop with our dioceses as we continue through the search process. **About Bishop Skip Adams** Bishop Adams was the tenth president of Towson University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He has a long history of the Church's role in speaking out and advocating around environmental issues. He served as Bishop Provisional with the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina from 2008 to 2012. He is passionate about reading, music, camping, and canoeing. He and his wife, Hazel, live in New York City.

Consultant and Assisting Bishop We'd like to offer a no-obligation reference check process, including the extensive Oxford process, and we are a few weeks into it. Bishop Adams will begin his role as consultant and we have conducted one-on-one reference checks with leadership in the diocese. This takes place as part of a full diocesan bishop search. When the search is complete, Bishop Adams will transition to the "Assisting Bishop" role (as they've served in another diocese before) and are called to assist the search process.

Bishop Adams' Ministry with Us Bishop Adams' consultant role will allow him to exercise his ministry with us from New York until and unless a new bishop is elected, dependent on the decisionmaking that will take place in the coming months. Contact us at sadams@eastmich.org and sadams@edwm.org.

Thank you to the Interview Team Lastly, we extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals that served on the interview team, including the Rev. BJ Heyboer (Newaygo) and included the Rev. Canon Michael Spencer (Eastern Michigan), Valerie Ambrose (Western Michigan staff), the Ven. Beth Drew (Three Rivers), the Rev. Dr. Jared Crampton (Three Rivers), and all the candidates and your commitment to discerning the right person to help guide us through this momentous time.

Janet Huff-Worvie

Standing Committee President
Diocese of Eastern Michigan

The Rev. Dr. Randall Warren

Standing Committee President
Diocese of Western Michigan

Looking toward Lent



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. Like everything else over the past year, it will be unusual in that we cannot gather together. In a few days, I will let you all know how we will begin the season with the solemn service of Ash Wednesday.

On Wednesdays during the season of Lent, I will be offering an opportunity to learn about our beautiful Book of Common Prayer. We use it every time we worship, and unlike other denominations within the confusing realty of Christianity, what connects us as

Episcopalians and Anglicans is how we worship. No matter where you worship, if you are in an Episcopal Church you will be using the structure if not the content of our Book of Common Prayer.

Our conversations will not be about the history of our Book of Common Prayer as much as we will learn about the book itself and how it is used for public as well as private worship. We will answer questions about why this and how that.

We will meet at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings beginning on February 24 (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday through the Wednesday before Holy Week. Oh how I wish we could be together and have a bowl of soup and some salad as we learn, but that is just not possible this year. The class will use ZOOM.

During Lent our Sunday (live-streamed) services will begin with the penitential order which gives us time to focus on what it means to worship and to carefully consider our relationship with God. The services are a little more serious than the rest of the year. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each Sunday with distribution available in our parking-lot.

I look forward to Lent as it will remind me and all of us of our many many blessings especially during this awkward time.

Fr. D.

Technological Committee

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Technological Committee to assist the parish in all matters relating to technology. This includes our on-going move to high-density live-streaming, and a bigger presence on our web and Facebook sites.

The members of the committee are:
Maggie Gonzalez
Genia LaNore
Magnus Smith
Willis "Bill" Atwell
Advisors: Owen Smith and Troy Nelson

We are looking for folks who would be willing to assist us by running a camera or the switcher on Sunday mornings. Teenagers are welcome and encouraged. Please contact me at rector@htwmi.org.

Your Vestry

[Kevin Murphy \(23\) Senior Warden](#)

[Genia LaNore \(23\) Junior Warden](#)

[Becky Wells Secretary/Clerk *](#)

[Brenda Amato \(24\) Treasurer](#)

Nan Campau (22)

Troy Nelson (22)

Keith Kuzins (22)

Linda Kitsch (23)

Amanda Lustey (24)

Ron Stuitje (24)

* The secretary/clerk is a member of the Vestry without vote.

You can send a message to each vestry member: [firstname @htwmi.org](mailto:firstname@htwmi.org)

Office Hours:

*Due to our current COVID restrictions, **the office and building remain closed.***

*Please call, text or email Fr. Don or Maggie whenever you have a question.
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