

Parish Discussion: Preparing for the Search: June 25th , June 28th , July 1st , 2020: Summary

I. WORSHIP

What is most important in what we do now?

Holy Eucharist

2 Sunday services (most respondents did not regularly attend the 5 pm service on Saturdays); those who did, said that they valued that service.)

Rite 1 at 8 am; Rite II with music at 10am

Preaching: thought-provoking, relevant to daily life, dialogue sermons

Visiting priests to provide a variety of voices and perspectives

Tradition: stay with the BCP and the Hymnal with some variation

Participation by children & youth – readings, ushering, sharing Sunday School lessons, gathering at the altar

Alternative/Seasonal liturgies (e.g. Blue Christmas)

Opportunities for silent reflection during the service

Our worship is welcoming to newcomers and visitors, making them feel very comfortable

What change or new initiative would you like to see in the next 3 years?

Periodic variations in the liturgy, within the BCP tradition

More variety in the music – more hymns that are more accessible for congregational singing

More variety in instruments (e.g drums, strings)

Incorporate Healing Prayer into the service

Be more inclusive of people whose schedules may prevent them from Sunday worship

II. SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

What is most important in what we do now?

A priest who is open to different points of view and is conversant in Scripture

Bible Study group; Lenten & Advent series

Sunday School classes and activities are engaging different ages

What change or new initiative would you like to see in the next 3 years?

Rebuild the Youth Group and ensure opportunities for learning, service, and fellowship for youth

Give priority to having a VBS in summer of 2021

Offer an Instructional Eucharist annually or semi-annually

Improve or enhance access to diocesan offerings

Be more flexible to accommodate different personal schedules

Re-introduce EfM

Possibly introduce a Book Study in addition to or as an alternative to Bible Study

Mission Project

More family-based support, ministries, and activities (e.g. groups; Game Night)

III. OUTREACH

What is most important in what we do now?

Community dinners; Laundry Love

Feeding families

Partnerships with other churches & community groups

Opening our building as host to community groups, including Scouts

Grab n Go meals and support for front-line workers

Providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners

The Jesse Tree

The Christmas Fair

What change or new initiative would you like to see in the next 3 years?

We need to be mindful of the dangers of burnout, and to build up partnerships with other churches / groups

Update our data on community resources (check with Girl Scouts Gold Badge Project)

Improve or enhance Trinity's visibility in the community

Offer prayers to begin community meals and meetings

New projects/ Ministries: Diaper bank may be a valuable resource; support to non-English speaking community

Publicize service opportunities for students (Community Service certification)

Enhance ecumenical projects

Intergenerational Mission Project;

diverse opportunities for youth to serve the community

IV. PASTORAL CARE/PARISH LIFE

What is most important in what we do now?

We strive to be a mutual supportive community

Enhance our ministry of phone calls and notes

ZOOM Bingo, Game Night, and Chats

ROMEOs and JULIETs

Christmas Fair

A priest who is active in providing pastoral care at local hospitals and nursing homes

Everyone is welcome to hold a wedding or funeral at the church, whether or not they are members

The Website

Eucharistic Visitors

What change or new initiative would you like to see in the next 3 years?

Restore Stephen's Ministry, or some form of pastoral care training

Build upon ROMEOs and JULIETs to create small groups based upon shared interests and fellowship

Progressive Dinners or some other means of building our social relationships

Enhance family activities/ministries for Advent, and other social activities designed for families

Conversations with Youth: July 10th & 13th

Grace Prevelige , Youth Vestry Representative, held 2 meetings with the youth. These are snippets of a wide-ranging conversation:

All of the youth who attended these meetings are active in and value their ministries as acolytes, ushers, and readers, and their opportunities for service projects.

What is your favorite thing about Trinity?

Singing, no one is every angry; everyone is accepted; the sense of community
Fr. Mac's sermons were like storytelling; his informal style was easy to follow
The youth group gave us a chance to get to know each other
We can be ourselves
Confirmation Class

What is your favorite memory of Trinity?

The Christmas Fair; the Christmas Eve service, especially singing *Silent Night*

What would you like to do that's new?

- More singing and more lively liturgy (clapping, singing, different instruments, everybody involved)
- Instead of a youth group that meets regularly, organize events – both outings and service projects—for specific dates, with the youth taking leadership in planning
- Learn about different religions – maybe include prayers and teaching about different traditions in the Sunday service a few times each year

What are you looking for in our next Rector?

- Someone who will bring in new people
- Someone who is bi-lingual (Spanish)
- Someone who can relate to youth and is not afraid to talk with young people
- Someone who is comfortable with a wide range of social media
- Someone who will join Youth projects and outings
- Someone who is open-minded and adaptable, flexible, able to understand and help others
- Someone who is entertaining and keeps our interest during worship
- A storyteller who is easy to understand