

The In Touch

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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

Ramblings from the Deacon.....

In his convention address Bishop Loya invited us to consider 4 agreements that he believes to be "critical to our ability to do the work that's in front of us". If you're on Facebook you can watch his entire address here: https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalMN/videos/407699600848868. The 4th agreement, he said, is that we have to agree to die. The same type of statement was said Lydia Kelsey Buckly Cannon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Northern Michigan at the seating of Bishop Loya and the ordination of our own Lee as Archdeacon. "We are ministers in a dying church," she said. It felt brutal, blunt, and hopeless. As my thoughts jumped to disagree, she explained that death opens us to resurrection. To new ways of being church. I'm not sure what that will look like at Holy Trinity, (just as I'm sure Grace Episcopal never imagined that changes that would take place in their building), and it may be a bumpy path but I'm excited about the possibilities.

https://upepiscopal.org/unexpected-partners/

Unexpected Partners: Grace Episcopal Church in Ishpeming and Local Brewery Join Forces

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Grace Episcopal Church and Kognisjon Bryggeri (Cognition Brewing Company reimagined) have entered into a new partnership to strengthen the community in the city of Ishpeming.

Grace is a small congregation of loving, faithful members who have cared for their building, their resources, and one another since 1902. "Church is community," said Ginny Graybill, who is a member and priest at Grace Episcopal Church, "and the community has a great love for this beautiful building. Like so many parishes nationwide, Grace has experienced a decline in active members over the years and with that maintaining our building became a great financial problem."

Lydia Kelsey Bucklin, who serves as Canon to the Ordinary for Discipleship and Vitality in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, began meeting with leaders of Grace in September 2019 to vision for their future as a community of faith. One of the tasks the group was asked to do was to reflect on their Ishpeming neighbors and the needs of their local community.

When asked where Ishpeming residents could be found on an average day, one of the members joked, "Right behind us, at Cognition!"

In the alley behind Grace Episcopal Church was Cognition Brewing Company, a popular gathering space for locals and biking enthusiasts, owned by local electrician and 3rd generation Ishpeming resident, Jay Clancey.

Both Graybill and Bucklin reached out to Clancey, wondering if he'd be up for a conversation. "What was so unique about Cognition was the sense of family that had been built by Jay and his team. Most everyone who came in for a beer was known by name and I was blown away by the philanthropic activities and outreach they were involved in," said Bucklin. Cognition has spearheaded fundraising activities for

UPAWS (Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter) and has hosted successful canned food drives in the past as well.

As Grace's financial burden continued to grow and Cognition seemed to be facing equally unresolvable issues, the two realized that there just might be a path forward which would allow both to continue working towards a common goal.

Members of Grace Episcopal Church and Jay Clancey met a number of times to dream about the possibilities of working together. Clancey was following the movement of "Pub is the Hub" in the UK in which "The pub should be the centre or hub of community life and can also provide essential services beyond the usual drinks, food or entertainment" (https://www.pubisthehub.org.uk).

Clancey's longtime dream for his brewery was that it would revitalize historic downtown Ishpeming. The mission of the church is to care for and nourish people in the community, thus creating a perfect partnership.

As conversations began to develop and word spread on the street, more partners emerged asking to be involved in the new endeavor. Peace Pies, Bearded Lady Creations, Partridge Creek Farms, and the Lake Superior Theatre are just a few of the organizations who are looking forward to collaborating and even hosting events in the space.

Grace Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan officially transferred ownership of the church building to Kognisjon Bryggeri, in order for Clancey to redevelop the space for mixed use purposes and invest in the building in creative ways.

Clancey plans to maintain the historic integrity of the church, including the woodwork and beautiful stained glass windows and the worshipping community will continue to gather in the building on Sunday mornings. "Jay owns the building, but there will be no immediate change in our worship," said Graybill. "We are looking forward to working together to make this building a community hub." All parties are embracing this as a symbiotic relationship in which the common focus is to provide a space for the community of Ishpeming to gather and support one another.

Clancey will soon begin interior work of the building and hopes to open the space to the wider community in the near future.

From our presiding Bishop,

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/church-that-looks-and-acts-like-jesus/

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has consistently invited Episcopalians to reimagine ourselves as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, a community of followers who live Jesus' Way of Love. In these times of challenge and change, he offers this statement and the accompanying resources as a prayer, a vision, a fervent hope for who we seek to be and are already becoming.

COME AND SEE ...

We are becoming a new and re-formed church,

the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement—

individuals, small gathered communities and congregations

whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love,

no longer centered on empire and establishment,

no longer fixated on preserving institutions,

no longer shoring up white supremacy or anything else that hurts or harms any child of God.

By God's grace ...

... WE ARE BECOMING A CHURCH

THAT LOOKS AND ACTS LIKE JESUS.

Peace, Melanie



1/6 ~ Jeanne Corrin

1/9 ~ Mike Noland

1/12 ~ George Schlieff

1/21 ~ Layna Padesky

1/25 ~ Jan Menefee

1/30 ~ Nicholas Padesky



1/9 ~ John Briggs

1/24 ~ Taylor Wright

1/26 ~ Alan Wright



1/27 ~ Delbert & Bonnie Hickey

Watch Holy Trinity Services Livestream

Service bulletin is on our website: www.ifhtec.org

On Facebook: Sundays @ 10:00 am

2022 Annual Meeting

January 23, after the service

We Need
Vestry members,
Readers & Greeters for Sunday's
& Altar Guild Members

Pledge Envelope Books

Let the office (Karen) know if you would like a book of envelopes!

January '22 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
9 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Baptism of Our Lord	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 pm 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
30 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild Carolyn & Molly
2	3	4	5	6	7	NEWYEAR
	3	7	3	0	1	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Vestry 7:30			Tricia
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Donna & Karen
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting		Newsletter Deadline (Vestry)				Donna & Karen
30	31					
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						