



About Trinity Episcopal Church Mineral Point

The first Episcopal church services in Mineral Point were held in the summer of 1837 by Bishop Jackson Kemper, who was the missionary Bishop to what was to become seven states from Missouri to Minnesota. From 1859 to 1870 he was Bishop of Wisconsin.

On December 8, 1839, the parish organized and elected a Vestry, many members of which figured prominently in the history of Wisconsin.

The church building was completed in 1845, and consecrated by Bishop Kemper in 1855. It is reputedly the oldest church in continuous use in Wisconsin. The tri-foil window over the altar is the oldest stained glass window in Wisconsin.

In 1869, the handsome sandstone Rectory was built to an English design.

In 1964, extensive renovations to the foundations of the church, the undercroft, and the organ were completed. In 2002, the church roof was replaced, the undercroft improved, and the handicapped access walk was built.

Today, Trinity is what it has always been – a vibrant community of believers.



Although small in membership, Trinity has always been very active in church and community. The Vestry, led by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and 4 voting members, oversee all aspects of the Church, using Committees as needed to investigate, report, and handle various projects. The Church sponsors an annual July 4 Hotdog & Root Beer Float Fundraiser for local food banks, a Summer Camping Weekend for youth and adults, as well as a Lessons and Carols event with community participation each December.

The Creation Care Committee (CCC) was formed in 2017 to manage two grants: a diocesan community development grant and a stewardship of creation grant from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church. Completed projects include: a Wild & Scenic Film Festival; a rain barrel initiative where we sponsored a Department of Natural Resources professional and installed thirty rain barrels in our community; a weekend visit from Father John Floeberg of Standing Rock; an extension of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to area school children at the local Opera House; and a weekend of performances by Abenacki storyteller Joseph Bruchac.

In 2019 we will continue to maintain and improve our own church properties. We are designing and developing a 150 square foot rain and butterfly garden, sponsoring an environmental film fest for area school children, and we are sponsoring free environmental movies in our church hall space for the wider community and for Trinity, complete with popcorn. Several guiding ideas for the CCC include:

- outreach beyond the walls of Trinity into the community,
- establishing for the Mineral Point community that our turn to be stewards of creation is NOW,
- recognizing and explaining that science and religion are welcome partners, and

- that marketing, advertising, and a social media presence can be part of our parish's growth.

The Trinity Guild ECW is the main fundraising arm of the Church. Specifically, the Guild pledges money to the church, pays for all snow removal and lawn care, pays for the upkeep of the rectory, and provides workers and money for church needs as they come up. In the past year, the Guild donated to 9 different local and Iowa County non-profit organizations, the Fire Department, 2 food pantries, the Humane Society, and Badger Camp. This group meets monthly and sponsors a free Spring Community "Tea at Trinity" event, two Rummage Sale Fundraising events, and a Holiday Gift Fair each December. In 2019 the Guild is managing and paying for upgrades to the Rectory bathrooms, kitchen, floors, and stairway rails.

The Altar Guild is composed of teams of two, who work on a rotating schedule to clean the church each week, order flowers and palms, set up and take down the altar, and care for the altar linens.

The Joint Committee with Platteville was created when our previous rector worked with both churches. The group scheduled a number of shared services and activities each year.

The Faith Community Nurse Committee oversees a Grant from the Diocese of Milwaukee. The Parish Nurse works with both Trinity Episcopal Mineral Point and Trinity Episcopal Platteville churches, and has given several medical seminars at both churches, plus, hosts a Diabetes Support Group in Platteville.

There is a Youth Group of combined families from both the Mineral Point and Platteville Churches that have held joint Confirmation classes and other scheduled events.



Driftless Wisconsin

Trinity Episcopal Church, Mineral Point, is located in the heart of the “Driftless Area” of Southwestern Wisconsin. Our community is about 40 minutes from Dubuque, 50 minutes from Madison, Wisconsin, and about 2 ½ hours northwest of Chicago, IL. There are countless recreational opportunities including trout and pan fishing, hunting, biking and hiking, arts and entertainment options, and access to business and medical campuses. In addition, Mineral Point is located near the University of Wisconsin Madison, UW-Platteville, Southwest Technical College, and Dubuque higher education campuses.

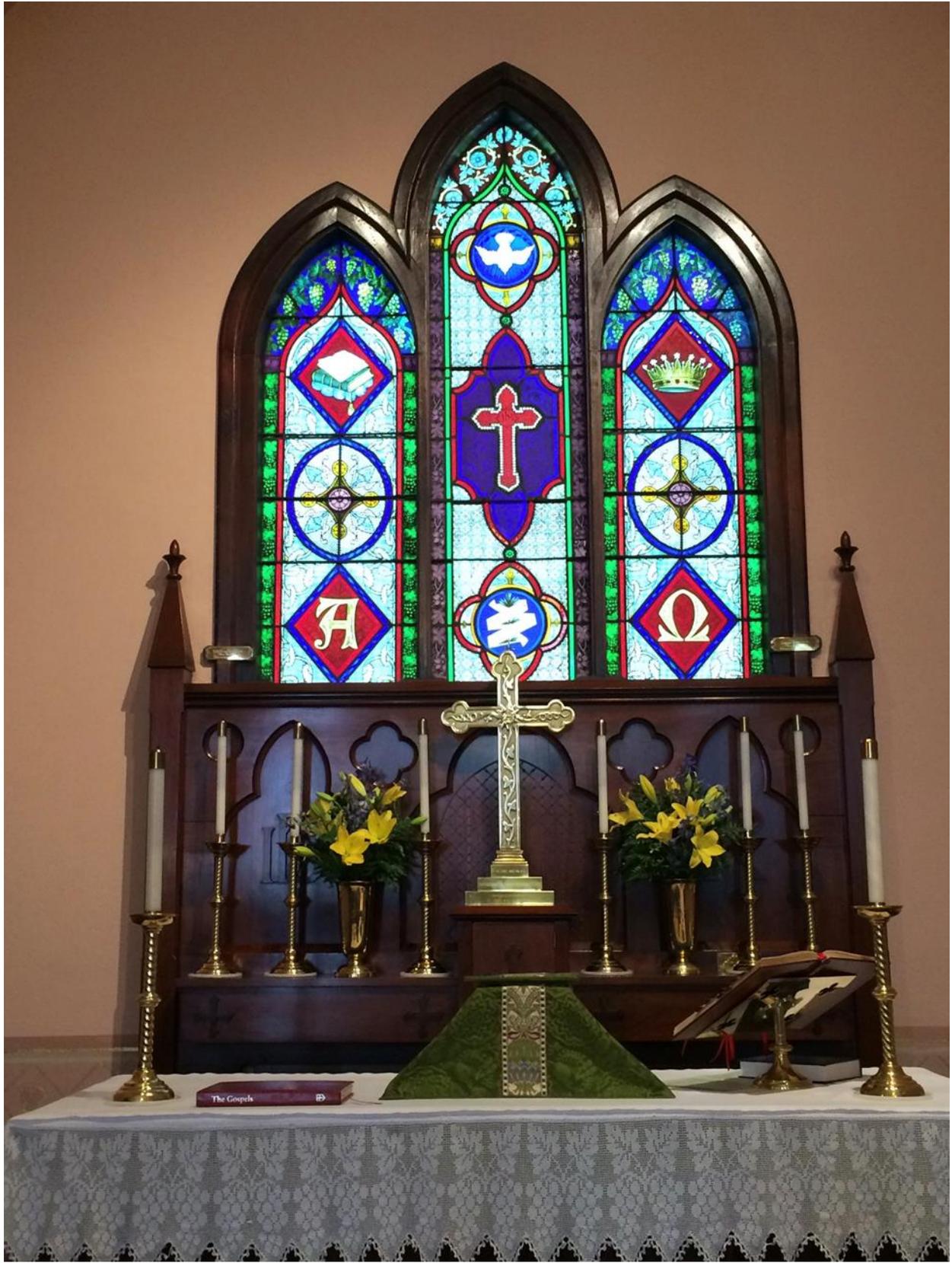
The cost of living in Southwestern Wisconsin is below the Wisconsin average. However, the quality of living is much higher than the rest of the state, as SW Wisconsin enjoys access to high quality medical and dental facilities, hospitals, state parks and county parks, museums in the various metro areas, and airports. There is a thriving arts environment within Mineral Point and the surrounding areas with numerous workshops and galleries for all types of arts and crafts. The local food movement is very strong in Southwestern Wisconsin and residents enjoy access to farmer’s markets, farm-to-table movements and events, and organic produce and meats. The public school system served by Mineral Point is the Mineral Point Unified School District which consistently “ranks” as one of the best school districts in the State of Wisconsin for its academic achievement. Students at the Unified School District also enjoy numerous extra curricular opportunities and successes, including the performing arts. The community is also twinned with

the Cornish community of Redruth, Cornwall, UK. This community pride is evident throughout the schools and community.

For additional information on Southwestern Wisconsin and the qualities that the Driftless Area and Mineral Point have to offer a potential candidate, please visit these links:

[Mineral Point, Wisconsin](https://www.mineralpoint.com/) - <https://www.mineralpoint.com/>
[Mineral Point Unified School District](https://mineralpointschools.org/): <https://mineralpointschools.org/>
[Madison Wisconsin](https://www.visitmadison.com/) - <https://www.visitmadison.com/>
[Wisconsin State Park System](https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/) - <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/>
[Spring Green, Wisconsin](https://www.springgreen.com/) - <https://www.springgreen.com/>
[Taliesin - Frank Lloyd Wright](https://www.taliesinpreservation.org/) - <https://www.taliesinpreservation.org/>
[Pendarvis](https://pendarvis.wisconsinhistory.org/) <https://pendarvis.wisconsinhistory.org/>
[Shakerag Alley](http://www.shakeragalley.com/) <http://www.shakeragalley.com/>
[Grandview, Hollandale](http://www.nicksgrandview.com/Welcome.html) <http://www.nicksgrandview.com/Welcome.html>
[Mount Horeb, Wisconsin](https://www.trollway.com/) - <https://www.trollway.com/>
[New Glarus, Wisconsin](https://www.swisstown.com/) - <https://www.swisstown.com/>
[University of Wisconsin System](https://www.wisconsin.edu/) - <https://www.wisconsin.edu/>
[Mississippi River Heritage Trail](https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/travel/bike/bike-maps/grr.aspx) - <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/travel/bike/bike-maps/grr.aspx>
[Travel Wisconsin](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/) - <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/>
[ATV Trails in Southwest Wisconsin](#)
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[Local Breweries](#)
[New Glarus Brewery](https://newglarusbrewing.com/) - <https://newglarusbrewing.com/>
[Wollersheim Winery](https://www.wollersheim.com/) - <https://www.wollersheim.com/>

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Testimonials

Parishioner 1: When I moved to Wisconsin in 1998 I left a very large, vibrant Catholic church where I participated in many service and environmental activities. Looking for a new church home, I spent several years attending Catholic services in Dodgeville and all of the surrounding communities, but never felt welcomed, nor did my soul “smile” in the services. My sister, an Episcopalian, visited from Milwaukee in 2000 and we went to Trinity Episcopal in Mineral Point, where I felt immediately at home. I was embraced by the church membership and have never stopped coming. Several years later, I was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Miller so that I could serve on the Vestry. I see the Trinity Church community as my family and my friends. It is a very large part of my life.

Parishioner 2: When my wife and I started coming here, we expected to find a congregation of people. What we have found is a close-knit, dedicated community. Instead of the usual singing of hymns, I began to hear harmonies in a building designed for music. I imagined I would worship as I have at other churches we've belonged to, where we would spend a couple hours Sunday then be on our way. What I have found was a desire to provide for this place and these people in ways I could not have foreseen. I came expecting a place, but instead found a journey.