



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## August 2017

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*Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate God's presence within, among and around us.*

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Friends!

August is bringing us closer to resuming the schedule of meetings and classes. So while the summer heat still has us trying to ease back (a bit of vacation sounds nice !!) - please also consider:

- Vacation Bible School: (each morning August 14 to 18th). An incredibly joyful expression of the faith and community building.
- Bible Study: Can we find a time convenient to those who would like to share in a bible study or adult discussion group. Give some thought to making a commitment of time and energy (meeting at Holy Trinity)?
- Confirmation Class: Will resume in late fall or winter as the Bishop will be present with us in March 2018. New members, folks looking for a refresher-course, please let me know so we can find a best time to gather.

Summer is for dreaming and is instrumental to deeper, richer living. Have a wonderful summer, and dare to dream!

I remain, your friend and Rector,  
 (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

The cookout on Sunday, July 2, was well attended by the community. I want to thank our cooks, John Grant and Bill Pieczynski, and their runner, Joe Pieczynski. Thank you to Tamsin Lucey and Susan Howland for organizing the cookout from the kitchen. Thank you to Nina Signore and Lynn Garland for setting up the Parish Hall. Thank you, Bobbie Helbig, for helping to greet and serve. Thank you to those who helped make our guests feel welcome. Lastly, thank you to the clean-up team: Paul Aloia, Dorothy Frisch, and Jean Frost. Serving our community is part of our mission at Holy Trinity. With God's help, this small parish of ours can accomplish our mission.

The vestry always reviews any event that takes place at the church, both before and after. We always ask the questions: Why we are doing the event? Is this event part of our mission? Should we do the event again? Did we have enough volunteers from the parish? Most importantly we do not want to continue an event just because it has always been done or always been done that way. If you have an opinion or ideas about how we can do an event better, please speak to a vestry member. Input from the parish is always welcome.

Last month in Tidings, I spoke about the possibility of offering lunches for two weeks in August, and this is an example of our discernment process. Due to the kitchen renovations and very short lead-time to organize the volunteers from the community and volunteers from the parishes, it has been decided to wait until next year. This will be discussed next year in the spring to give us plenty of time to explore this mission.

Gratitude for all these blessings and thanksgivings for the time, talents, and treasure that Holy Trinity receives abundantly.

Nancy Waugh



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**AUGUST 14-18**

**9:00AM—12NOON**

**LUNCH INCLUDED!**

**\$10/child**

**\$20/family**

**Scholarships available!**

**Ages 5 and up**

**\*under 4 with a parent in attendance**

**WANTED**

**STATION AND CREW LEADERS! PLEASE SEE EILEEN DEMINGS OR CAT REITH-LOWERY!**

**Join us for Family Worship**

**in Blakely Hall**

**August 13 & 27**

**When families come**

**together to worship with kids in mind.**

### LOAVES AND FISHES

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food for the John Paul II Food Pantry. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.

There are still empty months and still time to sign up. You don't have to sign up to participate; anyone can donate non-perishable food at any time.

### Vacation Bible School Sponsorship Opportunity.

HTC is once again offering the opportunity for children from our parish and the community to take part in VBS. We are reaching out to our parish community to sponsor a child attending VBS. By sponsoring a child, you will help pay for them to have daily themed projects, take-homes and a t-shirt. Each sponsor is \$15.00. Forms are located in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3-Pheobe Reith-Lowery 11-Joel Khattar 11-Emilynn Bousquet 11-Linda Spooner 14-Jared Burns  
17-Suzu Sharp 17-David Monroe 20-Colleen DeMings 25-Braden Bullard 28-Fr. Richard Signore

*If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!*

**THE MISSION PLATE**  
**CHANGE FOR BABIES**

For the month of August we will continue to add our loose change and dollar bills to the large jar that supports the Mampong Babies project. These are babies whose mothers have died, and they are raised in the orphanage for five years and then returned to their families. Rev. Betsy Fisher tells about this in her video, and says that it costs about \$1500 a year for each child. Multiply that times twelve months and then 40 children! Let's put the jar right up front, and as you go to the rail for communion, put in your offering and love for the children. God bless our children around the world.

I am UPDATING our list of SPONSORED children and would appreciate your letting me know the name of your child that you sponsor and the country they live in. Send me an email at [sharpgiberson@earthlink.net](mailto:sharpgiberson@earthlink.net) or hand me a piece of paper with the information at church so that I can compile the list for our Sunday prayers. Thank you .

Suzy Sharp, [774-230-3426](tel:774-230-3426)

**Financial Statement**

June 30 ends the first 1/2 of 2017, and we are in a very stable financial position. We will see some significant changes in the next 6 months with the YMCA and the kitchen renovation.

**Income**

- Please see the budget vs. actual for details.
- The only line that need explanation is the pledge, which is over budget, but includes pre-paid pledges; adjusting for pre-paid and budgeted unfulfilled pledges, we are up-to date.

**Expense**

- We have a lot of under-budget lines.
- Insurance is moved to a reserve account monthly.
- Oil is moved into a reserve fund monthly; we will come in right on budget for oil in 2017 with a full tank for the 2017-18 heating season.
- The sexton line will remain a little under budget because of the delay in hiring a new sexton.
- The secretary line will go under budget because Chris cut back her hours for the summer from 9 to 6.
- Clergy reimbursables will be under budget because the budget includes a benefit for church pension fund expense that we do not have for Fr. Richard because he is retired.
- The clergy sabbatical and continuing ed budgeted funds are moved into a reserve fund until needed.

**Kitchen update**

- We signed the contract with Gordon Plumbing and paid 50% down (\$4,384.00). Gordon will start work that will not interfere with the YMCA and Bread Box Co.
- We ordered all the kitchen equipment and paid 50% down (\$2,692.52). Gillette Restaurant Equipment will store the equipment until needed.
- We will accept the quote from Mark Morin to do the carpentry.
- We are waiting on a quote for a quartz composite counter top which should be roughly \$1,500.
- Work should be completed in September.

**Miscellaneous Items**

- We got a price of \$1.70/gal for oil and Tasse will fill the tank.
- The total from Joe's birthday party donations designated for the building fund came to \$2,460; all donations were transferred into the new Building Fund.
- We expect to hear about the Ministry Development Grant from the diocese in late July.

-Susan Howland, Treasurer



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# **SCHOOL STAY-CATION CLUB**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**EXTENDED CARE:**

**Available from 6:45 -8:00 am and from 5:00- 6:00 pm**



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**345 Main Street, Sturbridge ♦ Tel: (508) 765-5466**

The Tri-Community YMCA is offering a School Vacation Fun Club at Bethlehem Lutheran Church when school is closed, for children ages 7-13. This is a full day of safe, supervised activities which promote friendship through games, arts & crafts, and field trips. **Due date 1 week prior to scheduled date. If minimum number not registered by due date will get cancelled.**



## **THEMES, FIELDTRIPS AND DATES, OH MY!**

**Field Trips are Subject to Change.**

**Friday 9/1/2017: Game Day**—Field Trip to Billy Beez, Holyoke, MA

**Friday 10/6/2017: Wind and Sea**—Swimming and rock wall @ the YMCA, Southbridge, MA

**Monday 10/9/2017: All Sports**—Will play soccer, hockey, flag football, and more!

**Friday 11/10/2017: CSI**—Field Trip to Innerskate 91, Wilbraham, MA

**Friday 11/24/2017: All Things Fall**—Obstacle course races

**Tuesday 12/26—Friday 12/29/2017: Adventure Week**—Field Trip Wednesday, 12/27, to Nomads, S. Windsor, CT and Friday, 12/29, to McCoy Action, Auburn, MA

**Friday 1/12/2018: Beach Day**—Swimming and rock wall @ the YMCA, Southbridge, MA

**Monday 1/15/2018: Sci-Fi Day**—Field Trip to Sky Zone, Westborough, MA

**Monday 2/19-Friday 2/23/2018: Inventor Workshop Week**—Field Trip Tuesday, 2/20, Ultimate Obstacles, W. Boylston, MA and Thursday, 2/24, Tubing @ Ski Ward, Shrewsbury, MA

**Friday 3/30/2018: Hawaiian Luau**

**Monday 4/16-Friday 4/20/2018: Games Galore**—Field Trip Tuesday, 4/17, to Bogey Lanes, E. Brookfield, MA and Thursday, 4/19, to Zoinks, Oxford, MA

**\* MINIMUM 11 PARTICIPANTS DAILY TO RUN PROGRAM\***

If you have questions please contact Sue Casine at (508) 765-5466 ext.116 or [SCasine@tricomcommunityymca.org](mailto:SCasine@tricomcommunityymca.org)

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\*unless otherwise noted\*

The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
Massachusetts

The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

### Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore

### Save These Dates

#### **Holy Trinity Church**

Wednesday, August 9—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Bible Study

Sunday, August 13—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Monday through Friday—August 14 through 18—VBS

Wednesday, August 16—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Sunday, August 20—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service

Sunday, August 27—9:30 p.m.—Family Worship

VESTRY MINUTES ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE.ORG](http://WWW.HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE.ORG)  
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