

We welcome all who enter the doors of this church. Just as God's self-revelation is made complete in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, so do your prayers and presence make our worship service more complete. We pray that you may be strengthened and nourished as our community is enriched and uplifted by your presence among us. If you come as a visitor, we pray you will leave as a friend. Please sign our guest book.

QUIETLY ENTER THIS HOLY PLACE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR YOU

- Remember to practice thankfulness and add a coin to your *United Thank Offering* box.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An informal, group discussion format, **Bible Study**, covering the Gospel of St. Mark, convenes at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday. The group sets its own pace for reading and discussion and will continue to meet until St. Mark's Gospel is finished. We start @ 11:45 a.m. after any administrative or rehearsal events have taken place and will finish by 1:00 p.m. We recommend each PERSON brings a brown-bag lunch and that you read St. Mark's Gospel using a Bible of your choice! Previous attendance not required. Discussion today will be on Mark 10:17-31.
- Free Community Yoga**, October 17, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class open to all ages! Children welcome!
- In October, we will continue to send the **Mission Plate** donations to aid the Syrian refugees through Episcopal Relief & Development.
- "Only Saints Can Win Our Culture for Christ"**, Thursday, October 22, 7-8:30pm. Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn, MA, Cost \$10, Dessert & beverages provided. Register online at NewEnglandChristianStudyCenter.com. As followers of Jesus Christ, we live in challenging times, and having an effective Christian leader speak into the issues which we are all dealing with in our daily lives and ministries, can be extremely helpful, encouraging us to be courageous with our faith.

CLASS INFORMATION:

- **Yoga Time!** Practice hatha yoga for mind, body, spirit. Monday evening yoga: new session began August 31st. Class runs from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. 7 week session , \$56 or \$10 per class drop-in fee. **Aug. 31st – October 19th**. For more info, contact instructor Linda Davis (508-615-3568 karayogi@yahoo.com www.yogatimecharlton.com).

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Town and Country in Southbridge has been chosen to provide the altar flowers each week there is a dedication. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table at the back of the church. There are 2 options – Arrangement (\$38), and Fresh Cut Flowers (\$28). Please note which one you would like and please note the cost. There is also a place to indicate if you would like to take them home or leave them for Flower Ministry use. If you have any questions about the new Flower Dedication form, please see Tamsin Lucey. Thank you!

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR IMPORTANT HTEC BUILDING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Undercroft Ceiling News

Over the last few weeks there have been updates on the failed plaster ceiling that is concealed above the suspended ceiling in the undercroft. Cole Contracting evaluated the situation and said to close the space to the public, which we did. The ceiling is 1,800 square feet. The kitchen and closet/bathroom areas were not affected. The ceiling tiles and plaster were tested for asbestos and the test came back negative; good news.

The insurance company was notified, and an adjustor was out to look at the ceiling; we are awaiting a decision, but it is unlikely we will have a claim.

The restoration estimate came in at \$18,450. This is to remove the suspended ceiling and sections of failed plaster, preserving the existing ceiling tiles if possible, and putting up a new suspended ceiling.

We asked for a 50-year repair, so we should not have problems with this ceiling for many years to come. The vestry met and unanimously voted to proceed with the restoration using all available building reserve and other reserve funds with the hope of replenishing the building fund over time.

Here are the details of the estimate:

- Cost to test acoustic ceiling tiles and plaster for asbestos.
- Demo and dispose of existing drop ceiling grid and tiles that cannot be preserved.
- Demo and dispose of all layers of plaster ceiling in the main hall.
- Clear the area of all electrical conduits, wiring, circuitry and lighting.
- Provide temporary lighting for construction.
- Install all new ceiling grid and new 2 X 4 ceiling tiles as necessary.
- Re-install all existing lighting. (16 fixtures)

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Susan Howland who is overseeing the project at 508-248-6112 or howlands@charter.net

If all went well after this printing the project should be underway. Cole Contracting is licensed and insured, and they do fine work, never cutting corners, but watching for ways we can keep our cost down.

Thanks! Susan

The End of the Burner Booster Era

Two years ago we entered into an agreement with Tasse Fuel to install a "Burner Booster", which they guaranteed would save us 15% on our heating bill, along with a cleaner, environmentally friendly, burn. This was cutting edge technology, and we believe we did save the 15% over the two years, despite some "technical difficulties". We also applied for and received a congregational development grant of \$3,000 to help offset the cost of the equipment.

Unfortunately, the Burner Booster Company went out of business because the inventor became ill. The equipment has been removed and Tasse honored our contract. We invested \$9,000, saved approximately \$3,000 in oil and we have a \$4,500 credit at Tasse to be used for oil or repairs. We contacted the diocese about returning the grant money and they said we do not need to return the money.

As compensation for the broken contract the big steam boiler has a brand new burner, as the old one was converted and could not be reversed; the small boiler had its previous burner restored and both boilers have been cleaned at no cost to us.

This was an adventure into improving energy stewardship; we will continue to be good stewards of our heating system and conserve fuel when possible by programming thermostats.

Thanks as always for your support!
Susan Howland, overseer of the Burner Booster project.