



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. JUDITH FREEMAN CLARK

Dear Holy Trinity Church friends,

*"Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
quickenng, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free..."*

a line from *Hymn #511*, Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

We now enter the portion of the Christian year that once was referred to as "Ordinary Time." But this longest stretch of the Church calendar between Easter and Advent is now (encouragingly) known as the "Season of Pentecost." We sing in Hymn #511 about the Church's ministry, which recognizes us as a diverse, inclusive community, one that is always working. We are a human community — one that makes mistakes, yet is forgiven, one that can at times be weak, but is ever-strengthened by God's Holy Spirit. God has created each of us, and continues to re-create us constantly, as individuals with special interests, gifts, and talents.

So during this Season of Pentecost, as followers of Jesus we face many questions about the tasks and goals before us which draw on those gifts and capabilities.

"Who does God invite us to be here in Southbridge and the surrounding community?"

"How can we discover healthful, life-sustaining ways to 'work in the Holy Spirit'?"

"Where is the place where our deepest joys and the world's greatest needs intersect?"

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In the coming months, will we live into the truth shared in the first letter of John, "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all"? Another of our questions might be

"How can we share the light of God with others in authentic, appropriate and respectful ways?"

Throughout the recent season of Easter, the Gospel appointed for each Sunday was from John. There is a strong and characteristic image in all Johannine literature (*The Gospel According to John*, and the three *Letters of John*); that "God is light." This is a metaphor, a way to describe the mystery and love we experience when we encounter our Creator. When we say "in God *there is no darkness at all*," we affirm that God loves each one of us unconditionally. We say that God's light shines throughout all Creation — no exceptions.

When we encounter this truth during worship, I hope we feel a sense of goodwill and peace. But how do we translate these "good feelings about God" so the world may benefit? What moves us from a static faith, in which we say we "believe in God" to a dynamic faith in which we live into our belief?

One way is by becoming more intentional about hospitality. In particular, we do this by reaching out to people who may be unfamiliar with Holy Trinity Church, or those for whom worshipping in the Episcopal Church may be a new experience. By issuing invitations, by making people feel accepted and welcome even before they walk through the doors of our church building, we share our conviction about God's unconditional love for all people, without exception.

All this is fairly easy to implement; we only need to consider what will make people feel comfortable and accepted — and then do it! Often, people who attend a casual event, or a one-shot church activity or program, are prompted to return on a Sunday morning. At Holy Trinity Church, we have several upcoming opportunities on our calendar which are perfect for issuing invitations to others— the parish's Community Yard Sale (Saturday, 6/8), the Ladies Luncheon (6/23) another is Vacation Bible School (8/5 through 8/9). There are others, as well, including the Tuesday night "Gathering on Hamilton St.," and our wonderful Family Worship Sundays" (more info about these are included elsewhere in this issue of *Tidings*).

Regular Sunday morning worship is important, yet our response to the light that is God cannot stop on Sunday mornings if we expect the parish to stabilize and grow. Think about why you are a member of this faith community. What is it about Holy Trinity Church that draws you here and keeps you here? Where does your joy meet the world's deepest need? God needs us — God invites and urges us — to share the light of God's love with others, everywhere. We are each given the great privilege of opening our doors and our hearts so others can experience the light of God's love shining so brilliantly at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge.

Blessings and peace be with you, Judith +

"THE ROLE OF THE ACOLYTE" BY CHRIS BRIERE

An Acolyte is a person whose intention it is to serve at the altar

In the fourth line of the Acolytes meditation we read, "We walk the road to Jerusalem." Matthew 21:1 talks of the preparation that Jesus makes prior to his entry into Jerusalem. "And when he was come into Jerusalem ALL the city was moved, saying, who is this?" As we walk from the narthex (back of the church) to the sanctuary (front) of the church we are walking the road to Jerusalem, we are reminded to be excited, filled with hope and expectation as we prepare to meet God at the altar.

One of the blessings of a servant-leader is their ability to prepare a way for prayer.

SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNING

If you are interested in becoming an acolyte here at Holy Trinity Church, to serve at either the 8:00 a.m. or the 10:15 a.m. service, please speak with Judith+ our supply priest about training for this ministry.

GATHERING ON HAMILTON STREET

Since January 2011 we have offered soup to the community on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The original idea was to connect with the local community - we ended up connecting with ourselves - meeting each other, talking, holding meetings and hosting children's Christian Formation.

These activities have subsided and the Vestry have come to the conclusion that GoHSt has run its course. The last GoHSt was May 21st. Thank you to all that participated, helped make soup, and joined us for fellowship.

~Tamsin Lucey

SAVE THE DATE!!!

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL WILL BE HELD

**AUGUST 5TH
through
AUGUST 9TH.**

STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

VBS NEWS

Calling all Queens and Kings! This year's VBS theme is "Kingdom Rock, Where kids stand strong for God"! We need volunteers for VBS August 5-12, 9am-12pm. We need teachers and crew leaders, set up and break down crews, and financial supporters. If you are interested, please speak with Eileen DeMings A Royal Thanks to those who have already come forth and accepted a part in the kingdom!

[617-429-1798, eksullivan99@dpcv.org.](mailto:eksullivan99@dpcv.org)

Look for fundraisers and other ways to help in the next few weeks!!

PARRETTIE MEMORIAL FUND

The Parrettie Memorial Fund was established in 1990 through the will of Mary Y. Parrettie. The interest from this investment fund is available to parishioners who find themselves in need of temporary assistance with unforeseen expenses for housing, utilities, medical and transportation for work, among other needs. Members of the 2013 Parrettie Fund Committee are Gerry Helbig, Barbara Kalber, Tamsin Lucey, Peg Nelson, and Nancy Waugh. Anyone wishing to apply for assistance can talk with a committee member and receive a Request for Funds form. This form must be completed and submitted to a committee member along with the service provider's invoice before consideration by the committee. The committee may contact the service provider to attempt a modification of fees, late payments and penalties.

"All Can Do Yoga" Classes

Ongoing "All Can Do Yoga" classes are offered at Holy Trinity Church hall on Wednesdays, 9 - 10:15am. Always wanted to try yoga? This class is for you. Been to some classes but not really experienced? This class is for you as well. "All Can Do Yoga" explores movement, breathing, and postures, allowing you to discover what your body can do and how your mind reacts. This class is fun and will help you feel great, and all ages 12 and up are welcome!

Each session offer 6 classes, the next starting May 22. The fee is \$50 for 6 classes, paid in advance, or \$10 per class for drop-ins. Everyone will need a yoga mat and blanket; yoga blocks are recommended but not required. Please contact Sharon to register or for more information.

[\(413\) 245-3474](tel:4132453474) or email palmer00013@gmail.com.



ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES

Zumba classes continue to be held every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. for a free will donation. Everyone is welcome to come and join in, wear comfortable clothing and sneakers, bring water to drink and a towel to wipe down with! Wendy Boutin, the instructor, makes everyone - irrespective of age, experienced or new to the Zumba - feel welcome and at ease in the class. This 1 hour program held in the parish hall is offered as outreach to the community as an opportunity to exercise and make community connections. For weekly reminders and confirmation of classes, LIKE US on Face Book (Holy Trinity Church Southbridge).

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY

At the end of May we donated 5 complete meals. Thank You for your contribution. The summer months are here - but that does not mean hunger goes away - the need is as much now as any other time of the year. This ministry exists because of YOU, the parishioners. Each month, we come **together** each with a "loaf or fish" and collectively we provide food that comprises a meal; protein, veg, starch, fruit, milk and juice. This food is taken to the Blessed John Paul II food pantry. The Summer Salad recipes have been posted on the board and will be at the back of the church on Sunday June 9th and 16th. Please take one or two, bring the food and place it in the basket before Sunday June 23rd when Rev Judith will bless the food. ~Pat Bair, Marlene Duke, Josh Spooner and Tamsin Lucey.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Beginning June 25th, the office will be open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12 Noon. (unless otherwise noted in the bulletin)

 * A huge THANK YOU to all who helped and contributed to the *
 * yard clean-up on May 18th. Please save the date: *
 * **JUNE 29TH, 10AM-3PM** *
 * Join us to continue where we left off and prepare the *
 * yard for the July 3rd Community Cook-out. We are *
 * still seeking donations to finish the mulching project. *
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Teddy DeMings
- 14 - Joe Pieczynski
- 22 - Trish Briere
- 23 - Joe DiSalvatore
- 24 - Barbara Meservey
- 28 - Chris Bolte

If we are missing anyone or have the wrong date for this month's list, please contact the office.

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BOLTE, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, DURING OFFICE HOURS OR BY EMAIL. HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE@GMAIL.COM OR 508-765-9559 TUESDAY OR THURSDAY.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Join us for Family Worship on the 2nd & 4th Sunday @ 10:15 am (June 9th & 23rd). Look in the Sunday service bulletins or on the web site for other possible Youth Christian Formation activities during May. ~Lana Pieczynski

Holy Trinity Church 2013 Financial Figures through 4-30-13

Budgeted income through 4/30/13: \$42,702.06 ; amount received \$45,500.46

Budgeted expense through 4/30/13: \$42,530.69; actual expense \$32,708.77

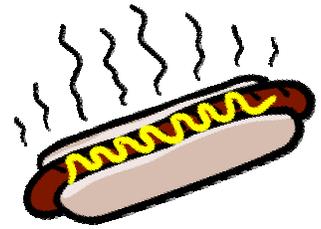
On the income side nothing out of the ordinary to report. All excess income is being put in a reserve account quarterly for building repairs and search committee.

On the expense side the Christian Ed budgets are under budget. The insurance and workers comp are paid through the end of the year avoiding \$50 in finance charges. There are open invoices for oil of \$3,480, and electrical repair of \$1,200, which will be paid in May.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE



June 8, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
RAIN OR SHINE!



Booth space available to the parishioners and the community for \$10 per booth. Tables (approximately 9'x9') will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Inside and outside space is available.

Contact the parish office (Tuesday or Thursday mornings) to receive an application and reserve a space. (508-765-9559) Parish members are invited to donate yard sale items to the church before June 4th. Items will be accepted during office hours or on Sundays before or after worship service. Application deadline is June 1st.

Light fare will be available all day for a free will donation.

There will be children's' activities from 9:30am to 1:00 pm.

Late breaking news: Sharon Palmer will be offering an opportunity to try yoga. In addition, Artie, a Southbridge resident and musician extraordinaire, will be providing musical entertainment.

"Let us gather together and share in the Lord's Blessings"

Save the Date

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday June 23rd 12pm-2pm @ 11 Allen Road, Sturbridge.

Rides can be arranged. Please speak to Bobbie if you need directions or a ride.

Bring a dish to share. Please let Bobbie know what you will bring.

RSVP BY JUNE 16TH! 508-347-9374 or bjvsh@yahoo.com

GOD MOMENTS

We all have them – even if we don't realize it. Holy Trinity is unique in Sharing God Moments during church services. To include a wider audience, for those who might be more comfortable with the written word, and those who have many to share, we now invite **you** to **also** share your God Moments via Tidings. If you would like to share a God Moment with fellow parishioners, please get them, either by email or in person, to the Senior Warden who, in the absence of a rector, edits each Tidings. We will include God Moments, edited if necessary and as space allows. We look forward to receiving your God Moments. ~Tamsin Lucey, Senior Warden

MISSION AND OUTREACH

For the past several years our Mission and Outreach plate has gone to international causes. We will now start making donations to local and national causes as well as international ones. This way, if a need arises here in our towns or across our nation, we can respond with love and compassion to those in need.

This morning as I write this, the families in Moore, Oklahoma are devastated and in shock after a powerful tornado ripped through their neighborhoods. Lives have been lost and property completely destroyed. Through our mission plate we have an opportunity to respond.

Please reach into your hearts and make an offering to support those in need in Oklahoma. The mission plate is located at the front of the church as you go to the communion rail. Please make your offerings there as you go forward. Checks may be made payable to Holy Trinity Church with Mission & Outreach in the memo. I am hoping that we will raise several hundred dollars for this cause. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for those in need.

Suzy Sharp, coordinator of Mission and Outreach

HTC 3RD OF JULY COOKOUT TO SUPPORT VBS

Please join us for a Holy Trinity 4th of July Cookout to support Vacation Bible School!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013
Food served 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where - Holy Trinity Church

When - *WEDNESDAY, July 3rd*, food served 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What - An all Parish and Community Cook Out

**Hamburgers and Hotdogs; *Baked Beans and Baked Potatoes; *Apple Pie and Watermelon;
Iced tea and Lemonade!

Free will donation will support VBS (suggest \$5.00 per person).

RSVP helpful but not necessary.

Rain or Shine please join us in this community celebration!

Tamsin Lucey, abritinusa@gmail.com; 508.347.1414

Susan Howland, howlands@charter.net; 508.248.6112



SENIOR WARDEN SPEAKING

The long season of Pentecost has begun; it will take us all the way to Advent – Advent, which seems so far off – let us enjoy the here and now. Summer is just around the corner – please plan to join us in some summer activities; Yard Sale June 8th, Ladies Luncheon June 23rd, continuing with Yard Work at the church June 29th, the July. 3rd Cookout, Vacation Bible School August 5th - 9th. I mentioned last month that we could expect more changes – Please know that; there will be one church service at 9:00 a.m. during the month of July, the vestry is proceeding with selling the rectory – you can expect to see a Realtor sign up soon. Ken Bisson, our sexton since Nov. 2005, will be retiring at the end of June.

As senior warden it falls to me to juggle the many facets of “running” Holy Trinity. I would like to thank everyone for their support, encouragement and help, we are moving forward in prayerful and intentional ways, always mindful of how God is calling this congregation to be the Face (Hands and Feet) of Jesus on Hamilton St. The vestry is overseeing several projects as well as putting in place policies and guidelines that will serve us well into the future. In the absence of a permanent priest the senior warden is the person you contact with your comments, questions, concerns or suggestions, so if you need to contact me, please do so. If you have material that you would like to include in the service bulletin, Tidings, on the Web page or Facebook please let me know.

I am always available via email abritinusa@gmail.com or cell phone 774-200-4279.

*I remain your humble servant,
With gratitude and blessings Tamsin Lucey
Be the change you wish to see in the world. Mahatma Gandhi*

Stewardship is everything we do after we say, "I believe".

**THERE WILL
ONLY BE ONE
WORSHIP
SERVICE IN JULY.
9:00 a.m.**

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist (said)

10:15 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

Save These Dates

Tuesday, in June—7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

Wednesday, in June—9:00 a.m.—Yoga Class (except 5/15)

Wednesday, in June— 6:15 p.m.—Zumba Class (except 5/1)

Saturday, June 8—8:30 a.m.—Community Yard Sale

Monday, June 10—6:45 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, June 12—3:45 p.m.—Daughters of the King—HTC

Monday, June 17—7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group

Sunday, June 23—12:00 Noon—Ladies Luncheon—Bobbie Helbig's
Home

Saturday, June 29—10:00 a.m.—HTC Yard Cleanup and Planting