



July 19, 2016

Dear Stewards of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your commitment to the mission of Holy Trinity Church. Your pledges have helped us be good stewards of our community and our building in this first half of 2016.

The year began with the rental of our space to the YMCA. Renting to the YMCA allows the Y to continue to provide quality daycare to the community while they renovate their facilities. The building committee made some improvements in order to be good stewards of our building. For years there was a problem with the heating system. Finally, the mystery was solved as to why the heat in Blakley Hall came on when the heat in the classrooms downstairs was on. New heat returns were installed and now our heating system is working more efficiently. Another important improvement was the installation of a new fire alarm system. In addition, there will be repairs made to the brick in the rear of the church.

Holy Trinity was presented with an opportunity to collaborate with Bethlehem Lutheran to be stewards of the community gardens in Southbridge. The community gardens on Cross Street and Worcester Street have been planted, and to expand the gardens hay bales were used to plant even more vegetables. In addition, the community was invited to fill container gardens that they could take home.

The vestry has been reading a book entitled *Slow Church, Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*, by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison. Holy Trinity has been patient inviting neighbors to our annual July 3rd cookout. This year, after four years, many of our neighbors joined us. Thank you to all of you who were welcoming to our neighbors.

The vestry of Holy Trinity wants to expand our mission to our neighborhood by exploring ways to be welcoming to our Hispanic neighbors. There are plans to offer first communion classes to the children of our parish and our neighbors in the fall. Our dream for mission would be to add a Hispanic service. Please pray for this long-term goal to become a reality.

Your pledges help us expand our mission to the neighborhood and be the "hands and feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street." Thank you for your continuing support of our mission and of God's plan for Holy Trinity.

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