



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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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!

Lent has wheezened on but can no longer hold Creation away from its first fledgling steps towards a new life in grace. Alleluia!!! Soon the shout goes out!!! Christ has embraced all and elevated us over the muck and mire that once held us back!!

What began in waiting for the pulse of life has burst, like Spring, to bring newness of life!!

Even the moistened ground has softened; and the Tombs have yielded their strength to the One who hovers over the ground and is calling out: Arise! Come out! Come to the feast prepared for you before the earth had begun!! And He takes us by the hand, to show the life resplendent with the riches of the Risen and glorified Christ, and beckons.....this is for you!!

Let us celebrate with deep joy the Victory of Christ, knowing we all share in the power to restore, heal, and to make laughter! Facing toward Christ nothing can deter our boundless hope and joy; for "the power at work within us is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine."

Through Jesus our Lord, and the Jesus met in one another, may we discover the Love that does not die! This resurrection life calls to us!!! He is Risen!!! Alleluia!!

*I remain, faithfully yours in Christ,
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore*

Senior Warden Speaking

As you read this – depending on how you receive your Tidings—we will either be waiting triumphantly to enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and welcoming UNTANGLED into the sanctuary on Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. (please plan to join us), or we will be in the middle of Holy Week. Either way Lent will be behind us and Easter Day ahead. With Eastertide comes new beginnings.

Ellen Lincourt, a long time Holy Trinity Episcopal Church member and vestry member of 2 years, will have a new beginning as she transfers her membership to St. Michael's on the Heights in Worcester - a church much closer to where she lives. We thank her graciously for the many gifts and talents she has shared especially in the last two years, particularly with help updating the web page and the sound system and with art work for posters, flyers and invitations. We will miss Ellen but wish her well in her new church home.

We welcome Lana Pieczynski back onto the vestry to fill Ellen Lincourt's remaining term, another new beginning. As we start April we also start our 12th consecutive month with Fr. Richard Signore as our priest. I know that I have mentioned this before but even though it seems as if he has been with us much longer, it really has only been 12 consecutive months! So it is very fitting that we celebrate new beginnings.

Enter another new beginning... the altar "up front". Please let any member of the vestry, Fr. Richard Signore or I know what you think about moving the altar back! The move "up front" was an experiment for Lent – which is now over - so should it be moved back OR stay "up front". Please let us know your thoughts.

We look forward to the new beginnings of spring – to green grass – to God given opportunities to be His disciples, to live out our faith every day, to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton St., in the neighborhood and where we live, work and play. We look to share the joyous life we have in Christ with those we meet every day.

Please remember in your prayers: Fr Richard, Nina and their family, all the Lay Leaders and those involved in ministry at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, pray for each other, the Hamilton Street neighborhood and the communities that we live in.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to talk with Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh or myself 774 200 4279 or abritinusa@gmail.com.

Looking Forward....With gratitude and blessings

Tamsin Lucey -We can do no great things just small things with great love.



FREE COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS

April 11, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!

NEW WARDENS AND NEW TREASURERS DAY
April 11th is the New Wardens' and New Treasurers' Day ,
a diocesan event being hosted by HTEC! Anyone who can
help between 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.,
please talk with Tamsin.

LAWN MOWING AT HTEC

The Green Thumb Ministry at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is looking for volunteers to mow the church lawn on a weekly basis. Last year, with so many volunteers, each volunteer only had to mow a few times! We hope, if you volunteered last year, that you will consider helping out again. We are also looking for new volunteers! If you are able to spare 1 hour a few times this coming summer, please contact Bart Krug (bartkrug@outlook.com) by April 30. The lawn mower and gas are provided.

Thank you!



LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY

6 bags of food were taken to St John Paul II food pantry in March - Thank you for your generous donations. On April 5, Easter Day, brown paper bags and a suggested shopping list will be on a music stand by the Narthex Doors. The need for food does not change because we celebrate Easter! Please take a bag and shop from the list as you are able. Food returned by Sunday, April 25, will be blessed before going to the pantry that week. Thank you for your continued participation in the ministry.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".



~With Love, Peace and Joy: Bill Nelson, Joshua Spooner and Tamsin Lucey



THE MISSION PLATE

A new month, and another opportunity to reach out to others! Lana's brother, David Holland is a director of YOUTH WITH A MISSION (YWAM). He is currently the communicator with their missionaries around the world, keeping in touch with them and providing support, but his computer is old and he needs a new laptop. Let's help them purchase what they need. Their work is entirely voluntary!

They need our support!

Lana will say more about the mission of YWAM during announcements in April. Pray for YWAM and David Holland, and leave your offering on the mission plate as you go forward for communion.

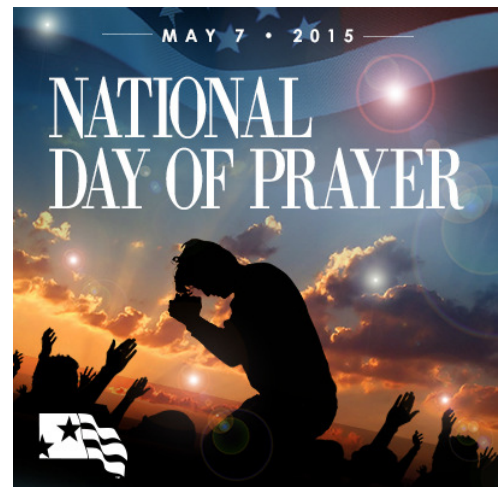
We are all one family in Christ working together.

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

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS DIRECTORY



The Members and Friends directory is being updated. Please review the information in the copy on the table in the Narthex and advise us of any changes: this may include address, phone numbers, email address and any new family members! The updated directory will be available in May.



MAUNDY THURSDAY RADIOTHON FOR FOODSHARE

On April 2nd, Foodshare will hold its 36th Annual Radiothon! Fr. Richard will be on the air at 1:00 p.m. for at least 30 minutes. Tune in and support the Radiothon either by donating funds via the radio show, or by donating food at one of the area supermarkets. WESO 970am.





Mampong Babies Home Ministry

This is a ministry spear-headed by the Rev. Betsy Fisher (Bishop Fisher's wife) to collect money for the Mampong Babies Home in Kumasi, Ghana. This home cares for 35 – 40 infants up to age 4 or 5 whose mothers have died in childbirth.

The government and local municipality have provided money for electricity and the babies' medical care in the past, but this funding has now been cut so there is a huge need for increased support. Betsy Fisher has successfully used empty water fountain jugs to collect spare change in the past. She invites us to do the same now. The donated money will go

toward food, electricity, and medical care.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, starting with April 26, our Family Worship children will be helping to collect the offering. They will have baby bottles into which the congregation will be invited to put loose change. The change will be transferred to the large water bottle on the Narthex table. The children will be involved in this project as they help to raise awareness, collect and count the money, and learn about how this directly helps those babies on the other side of the world.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to help support this ministry in any way. (704.458.6204 / lholland@rocketmail.com).

Thanks in advance for your support!
-Lana Pieczynski

February Financial Update

Income side

Our income is down (The weather did not help!), and while pledges look like they are right on budget the pledge line includes \$6,000 in pre-paid pledges, so the pledges are in arrears \$5,618 over budget...I am optimistic people will catch up.

Expense Side

The Church repair and maintenance line is over budget, mainly due to snow. The snow removal for last year was billed this year and will come out of reserve funds. Our per-snowfall shoveling rate is now \$95.00, and we had a lot of shoveling to do. The Church capital improvement line is over budget because of the table purchase, which the vestry voted to take from reserve funds. The usual reserves have been put aside for the once a year oil purchase and insurance bill. Otherwise all else is going according to budget.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1–Karen Ballou
1 – Anna Burns
5–Beverly Lavallee
6 – Nolan Bachand
18–Susan Howland
19–Steven Anderstrom
23–William Nelson
24–Brenda Baker
27–Aaron Anderstrom
27–Patricia Bair

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!

FAMILY WORSHIP UPDATE

I start this month with a powerful God moment from our house. I shared in church, but just in case you missed it... Colleen made a Valentine's envelope in her first grade classroom. She decorated it with a few pictures and hearts, but she also wrote something so simple and so beautiful:

"everyone deserves to be loved"

So true.. If we all truly believe that, we can do so much with our blessings! Like I learned from Father Richard, it all comes down to LOVE and FORGIVENESS.

The children and families have been busy this season! We studied "God's Love" and "Friends" during the months of February and March and we will continue into April.

Beginning in May, the children will start a mission's project for the Mampong Babies Home in Ghana. The home cares for babies whose mothers died in childbirth until their families are ready to care for them, usually around the age of 4-5. We will learn about Bishop Fisher's work and make posters and start a collection during our time at church. Please have kids start saving pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to fill up decorated baby bottles. Big kids will take the lead on this project by helping our little kids with posters and collections.

Here is a schedule of upcoming FW opportunities:

April 3: Good Friday Story Walk 10:30

April 12: Friends Part 3 "Three Amigos"

April 26: Friends Part 4 "Lazarus and the girls"

We are currently looking for two or more new Lay Leaders. If you can spare one Sunday every other month to lead Family Worship, please contact me. Lessons are provided. On the job training is also provided. We will love you no matter what!

Peace, Eileen

YARD SALE AT HTEC



The vestry would very much like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping organize a Yard Sale at HTEC this year. Whether or not there is a Yard Sale will depend on those willing to help organize it, help with set up, sell, and put away items for the HTEC table(s), help put up and put away tables and chairs for the event, and help with refreshments. If you would like to help in any way or have any suggestions comments or questions please talk with Tamsin Lucey [774 200 4279](tel:7742004279) abritinusa@gmail.com OR any member of the vestry before April 13, the next vestry meeting.



Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

April 12 & 26

When families come together to worship
with kids in mind.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

What a huge success – at least 35 people donated blood! Thank you to those who helped out on the day and to YOU for supporting this mission of HTEC.



FLOWERING THE EASTER CROSS

If you have any artificial flowers that you would like to donate to flower the Easter Cross with, please bring them to church by Sunday, March 29th. Thank you!



A GOOD FRIDAY STORY WALK FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

On Friday, April 3, HTC will have a Good Friday service for families at 10:30 am. Make this a meaningful "day off from school" for your children. We will do Stations of the Cross and make Resurrection Eggs which will tell the story of Jesus and His final days. Please collect empty egg cartons for us!! We need them for the activity.



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

The Good Friday Offering will support the work of the Bishops, Priests and people of the Province of Jerusalem.

UNTANGLED

The Tidings goes to print before the show so we pray for a successful show and will report back in the May Tidings.



EASTER EGGS

Children will be handing out Easter Eggs following the 9:30 a.m. Easter Service. Please join in filling these eggs at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 5, in the Parish Hall.

JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Thursday, April 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Choir:

Stripping of the Altar, and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Overnight Prayer Vigil at Holy Trinity Church:

Sign up to serve a one-hour shift, keeping watch with Christ on His last night on earth.

Friday, April 3

A Good Friday Story Walk for Children and Families @ 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 5: Easter Celebration: the Sunday of the Resurrection

6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service at Old Sturbridge Village in the Church

**park in the parking lot and enter the village via the employee entrance at the top of the parking lot.*

8:45 a.m. – Fill Easter eggs in the Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with choir

**Children hand out Easter eggs to all after the service*

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Sunday Services

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

**Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore**

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Thursday, April 2—7:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 2—9:00 p.m.—Beginning of Overnight Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 3—12:00 Midnight to 9:00 a.m.—Overnight Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 3—10:30 a.m.—A Good Friday Story Walk for Children and Families

Friday, April 3—7:30 p.m.—Good Friday Holy Eucharist Service

Sunday, April 5—6:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service at OSV

Sunday, April 5—8:45 a.m.—Fill Easter Eggs in the Parish Hall

Sunday, April 5—9:30 a.m.—Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 11—10:00 a.m.—Free Community Yoga Class

Sunday, April 12—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Sunday, April 26—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Class Information

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga

Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.—TaiChi (no class the last Friday of the month)

*April is the last month TaiChi will be held at HTEC

OFFICE HOUR CHANGES FOR APRIL

Week of April 12 - Office open Tuesday and Wednesday—9 to 12.

Week of April 19—Office open Friday only—9 to 12.