



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,

When the stunning warmth of summer holds us in its grip then it is time to seek refreshment! Why not a cool drink, and a good book? Why not The Good Book! With friends at Church!

An informal, group discussion format, Bible Study, covering the Gospel of St. Mark, will convene at 11:45 a.m. each Sunday beginning August 9th. The group will set its own pace for reading and discussion and will continue to meet until St. Mark's Gospel is finished. We will 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 one brings a brown-bag lunch and that you read a few chapters of St. Mark's Gospel by August 9—Bible version of your choice!

On August 9 @ 2:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Pavilion in Fiskdale and August 23 @ 3:00 p.m. on the Southbridge Commons there will be a Bluegrass Worship. This effort by the ecumenical clergy group is to try to reach the folk who may think "a Sunday AM experience" too formal for them to participate. We hope to provide a brief (non-Eucharistic) service followed by light food. Come on down!! We will sing with guitars, etc.

Looking forward to expanding our outreach, to share the Gospel where we routinely might not go!! Come to the party!! I remain, faithfully,

Yours in Christ, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

Senior Warden Speaking

Hot, Hazy and Humid days are settling in for 2 or 3 weeks, anyway! Let's not wish them away – September and the new school year will be with us in the blink of an eye! July was a busy month at HTEC! At the beginning of July, we welcomed back our Delegation to The National Convention – Susan Howland, and Mick and Barbara Kalber are happy to share their experiences, insights, ideas and thoughts with you – just ask them! VBS, the Summer Food Service Program and Activities are winding down now. Things will be a little less hectic in August, but there are plenty of opportunities to engage in fellowship, mission, and ministry! Join us on Monday, August 10 at 6:30 pm for a stroll around the neighborhood. Five groups of vestry members and parishioners will take a walk in 5 different directions, around the neighborhood. You will find the details elsewhere in this edition of Tidings. The Yards Sale follows quickly after that on Saturday, August 15 - again more details in this Tidings. For something completely different, join Fr. Richard and others for an Ecumenical Blue Grass Worship Service at St. Anne's Pavilion on Sunday, August 9 at 2:30 pm and on The Southbridge Common on Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 pm. On Sunday, August 30, we will have Backpack Blessing Sunday. Anyone who is going to school may bring in their backpack (that means pre-school to graduate students) to be blessed. We want all students to know that God is with them during their days at school.

Please remain as cool as you can, as calm as possible, and rested at all times! Enjoy the Peace, Love and Joy the summer brings.

Please keep in your prayers; Fr Richard, Nina, and their family, the Lay Leaders that make Sunday worship at HTEC possible, and all 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



Box Tops for Education

West Street School, like many other schools, collects Box Tops for Education. These can be found on a large variety of food products that you may already be buying. Please bring Box Tops for Education and place them in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

THE MISSION PLATE

I can't believe that it is the middle of July as I write this for the August Tidings. And when August is here, the start of school is just around the corner...so it seems appropriate that the mission plate donations go to the West Street School to help with needed supplies for the school year. Many students may not have the supplies they need for the classroom. I remember getting my pencils, crayons, notebooks, rulers, and erasers. Now they need much more at greater cost! So put yourself in the shoes of a child heading off to school.....excited and a little nervous....and leave a generous offering in the mission plate. Let's help them get a good start on the school year! Thanks be to GOD!

Suzy Sharp ([774-241-3426](tel:774-241-3426))

FUN IN SEPTEMBER



Rice-O-Rama is just around the corner. We will be offering for sale coffee, donuts, apple crisp (donated by UNOs and headed up by John & Susan Grant), bottled water, iced tea and homemade lemonade (headed up by Joe DiSalvatore). {The VBS recipe!} We will be sharing what we do best - our hospitality and Jesus' Love and Joy on

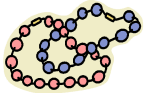


Sunday, September 13, at the Spencer Fair grounds - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please support this FUNdraising event by providing ingredients for the lemonade (15 gallons of it!) and coming to help man the table for a couple of hours. At the back of the church you will find post-it notes with pictures of bottles of lemon juice, gallon jugs of water, and bags of sugar. Please take a post-it or two and bring the product to church before August 30. You will also see post-it notes with time slots for much needed help. Please check your schedule and see if you can spare an hour or two of your time to join the FUN. Questions? Please see John & Susan Grant, or Joe DiSalvatore.





Volunteers needed for Kids' Crafts for Christ. We are seeking people to help kids make crafts on September 13 at Rice O Rama at the Spencer Fairgrounds, and September 19 at Cops N Kids event at the Southbridge Airport.



The crafts are free and we will give our love of Christ to all! Please see Eileen DeMings to sign up for a two hour shift. Must love to color, string beads, and smile!

Holy Trinity Financial News

At mid-year we are in a stable position financially.

On the income side:

- Pledges have caught up some, but are still behind by \$2,560.96 over the budget amount.
- Correcting for prepaid pledges, overall income is down \$4,712.

On the expense side:

- We are right at budget, with the oil tank filled for next year.
- Many lines are under budget, but there is enough in the reserve accounts to cover all expenses.
- Significantly over budget lines are church repair and maintenance and church capital improvement, the improvement line contains an expense approved in 2014, and the funds were held in reserve at the end of 2014.

-The "other income and expense" is self explanatory.

-The vestry approved a motion to use \$1,200 of memorial funds to purchase three additional Station of the Cross.

-The vestry is working on a **3-year Capital Improvement Plan** for our church building. The front steps have already been repaired and soon other improvements will be started on the brick and stone at the front of the church.

Blessings,
Susan Howland, Treasurer



June 25 - July 3, 2015
Salt Lake City, Utah

GENERAL CONVENTION RECAP & DISCUSSION AUGUST 2

DURING COFFEE HOUR

Mick & Barbara Kalber and Susan Howland attended the General Convention in Utah and would like to share with the congregation some great things that are happening within the Episcopal Church. All are encouraged to attend!

**Coffee can donations
for flower deliveries
needed!**



Join us for Family Worship in
Blakely Hall

August 9 & 23

When families come together to
worship with kids in mind.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS COLLECTING CANS AND BOTTLES FOR MISSION & OUTREACH. DONATIONS GO IN THE LARGE SILVER BOX IN THE PARISH HALL.

In 2019 the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church building will turn 150! How should we celebrate 150 years as a Christian outpost in Southbridge?



Please note the office hours for August:

Wednesday & Thursday—August 5 & 6
Monday & Tuesday—August 10 & 11

Closed August 16th week

Wednesday & Thursday—August 26 and 27

Beginning September 1, the office days will be back to the regular schedule of Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-Noon.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - Pheobe Reith-Lowery
11 - Joel Khattar
11 - Emilyynn Bousquet
11 - Linda Spooner
14 - Jared Burns
16—John Linton
17—Suzanne Sharp
20—Colleen DeMings
25—Ethan Anderstrom
25—Braden Bullard

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!

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Did you know that when you do online shopping on Amazon for the holidays and all year long you can help Catholic Charities? It's easy, just log onto www.smile.amazon.com to sign up. Enter in Catholic Charities Diocese of Worcester Inc. and we will get 0.5% of your eligible purchases! This is just another way for you to help us continue our mission of providing crucial services to our neighbors in need. Please spread the word.

Thank you!

Walking the Neighborhood

We will once again be walking the neighborhood. Last year we accepted Bishop Doug Fisher's challenge for parishes to walk their neighborhoods. Following that walk the vestry thought it a good idea to "do it again" so..... Monday August 10 at 6:30 pm won't you join the vestry and take a stroll in the neighborhood? See what our neighbors see, experience what they experience. Let us see for ourselves how the church, how the building, how we, fit into this neighborhood. We will use the same five, 1.5 mile routes we used last year. At least 2 or 3 people will walk together and have a list of questions to answer about what they see and experience. The only conversation with "strangers" will be in passing a greeting of welcome! Please wear clothing and shoes suitable for a nice evening walk. Afterwards we will share impressions, experiences, observations and partake in refreshments! Routes and the questions will be posted on the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church notice board at the beginning of August.

Please talk with Fr. Richard or Tamsin if you have any questions.
We look forward to your joining us to Walk the Neighborhood.



Collecting Change for Change the Babies

Helping the Mampong Children and Babies home in Kumasi Ghana



The water bottle, located on Sunday mornings on the Narthex Table, has some change in it! Please continue to bring in your loose change or empty your pockets at church! The money collected goes directly to help support the mission - pays for electric, food and medicines - of the Mampong Children's and Babies Home in Kumasi Ghana.

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Many thanks to those that brought in food for the food pantry during the month of July. There are at least 4 bags of groceries to go to the food pantry at St. John Paul II. If food continues to come in during the month of August – the vote will be in – to continue collecting food for this food pantry. We can continue to make a difference in people's lives by donating food to this food pantry.



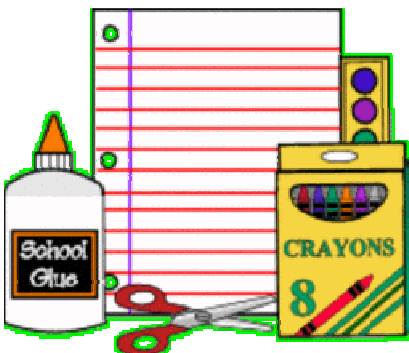
*With Love, Peace and Joy,
Tamsin Lucey*



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be collecting school supplies in the month of August to donate to West Street School. There are many great sales going on right now and supplies may be purchased very inexpensively. Please help the children of West Street School have what they need to have a successful school year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Place contributions in the box by the Font.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Although the program runs through August 7, I write this now - Many, Many thanks to all the volunteers that came forward and made this program a reality. Not only those from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church but also from St. Joseph's in Charlton, Charlton Federated Church, The Church of God, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A huge thank you goes to the Center of Hope - whose clients have come faithfully for all 5 weeks, set up tables & chairs and put them away, have taken signs outside and energetically waved them and invited folks in for lunch. Without everyone's help we couldn't have done this. The Holy Spirit has been at work in this building - people have been happy to come and help, enjoyed fellowship and service with mission and ministry thrown in for good measure. Children (and parents) have enjoyed the cool of the Undercroft, conversation and a healthy free lunch. Thanks go as well to Bobbie, Rose and Susan Grant for facilitating the Summer Reading Book program for grades 6, 7 and 8. Thank you to the VBS team for accepting the challenge to put on VBS once a week for 5 weeks - a resounding success!! And last but not least thanks to You, Inc. for stopping by on Thursdays to facilitate the activities program for grades 3 and under. We may not have served hundreds of meals a day but for each meal served - a child was fed. For each star fish picked up and thrown back into the sea - a star fish was saved. HTEC, together with other churches, guided by the Holy Spirit, serving the Neighborhood one person at a time!

Thank you, Tamsin Lucey

July 3rd Community Cook Out

Thank you to all that helped with the July 3rd cook out - those that helped set up, brought homemade Baked Beans (some recipes were copied and shared!), to the "grilling" crew and those that helped with clean up.

The weather was perfect, the Cook Out a great way to start the summer activities at HTEC. Friends and neighbors enjoyed relaxed conversation and good food. Thanks for joining us ... See you next year!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 30

DURING THE 9:30AM SERVICE

ANYONE who is going to school may bring in their backpack (that means pre-school to graduate students) to be blessed. We want all students to know that God is with them during their days at school.



HTEC Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 15

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Rain or Shine



Tables and spaces will be available to parishioners and non-parishioners alike, on a first come first come basis, inside or outside just \$10 per table. Registration forms available on the Narthex table OR call the office and talk with Chris Bolte.

Everyone is invited to have a table to sell their own stuff - stuff they no longer want or need, stuff they make and would like to sell. The more tables we have the more successful the whole day will be! We will have an "HTEC grill" table outside that will be serving hotdogs & burgers etc.

Lemonade stand anyone?? - Talk with Joe or Tamsin. If you can help with; set up on Friday 7:00 to 9:30 pm, on Saturday any time between 7am & 2:00pm, or with clean up between 2pm & 4pm, Joe & Tamsin would love to hear from you today!

The last day to reserve a table is August 11.

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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

Monday through Friday, August 3 to August 7—11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-

Free Summer Lunch Program

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 4 & 5—Noon—12:45p.m. -

Summer Reading Program

Thursday, August 6—12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.—Summer Activities Program

Wednesday, August 5—9am-11:30am—VBS

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

Sunday, August 9—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Sunday, August 9—2:30 p.m.—Bluegrass Worship @ St. Anne's Pavilion in
Fiskdale

Monday, August 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Saturday, August 15—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Community Yard Sale

Sunday, August 16—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Saturday, August 22 —4:30 p.m.—Free Simple Supper at Elm Street
Congregational Church—Gumbo

Sunday, August 23—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Sunday, August 23—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Sunday, August 23—3:00 p.m.—Bluegrass Worship @Southbridge Common
Pavilion

Sunday, August 30—9:30 a.m.—Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 30—11:45 a.m.—Bible Study

Class Information

Wednesday night yoga will not meet in August. Classes to resume in
September.