



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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TIDINGS FROM THE RECTOR

First of all, I want to thank everyone for their many kindnesses shown to Ray and me at the unexpected death of my father, Robert Dannies on June 24th. I have received many cards and personal words of encouragement. It means a lot. I am very grateful that my dad and I were able to forge a mutually respectful and loving adult relationship after his move to the Overlook in January, 2010. As my mom was dying at Sunbridge Nursing Home, North Conway, N.H. the fall of 2008, I promised that I would 'keep track of,' and 'watch out' for dad. As we share many of the same characteristics (Ask Ray about this!) negotiating our adult relationship had its challenging moments, but our mutual effort was well worth it. He will be missed by many friends as he kept up with many by phone and letter. I'm looking forward to sharing the many scrapbooks with my adult children (and Ava, our almost 3-month old granddaughter) that dad's mother, my grandmother put together for him.

And speaking of gratitude, our Sunday Gospel readings are presenting us with a rich feast from the Gospel of John, chapter 6 for five Sundays beginning July 29th. Two of John's seven "signs" are in this chapter: the feeding of the 5000 (6:4-13) and Jesus walking on the water (6:16-21). Signs signal the importance of seeing for John's community of followers. The biblical theme of wisdom teaches us that "every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).

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Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate God's presence within, among and around us.

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Jesus announces “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Stewardship is a personal and transforming gift of vision that enables us to see all of life from the perspective of God’s gracious giving.

As I am profoundly thankful for the long, fruitful life of my father, I pray that each of us be given a vision of God’s gracious, loving provision for us – day by day and moment by moment. Give thanks especially for the gift of family and relationships.

~Pastor Mary

DEACON’S CORNER

The lectionary finally concluded the story of Moses with his having to see the promised land from a mountain but not able to set foot in it. I have never fully understood what it was that Moses did that so angered God that he was not allowed to enter the land promised them, “full of milk and honey”. God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites into the land and promised to be with him. I recall reading that story some years ago and realizing that the Red Sea deal was repeated at the Jordan River, a 2nd story of God’s holding back water so his children could cross on dry land. This time Joshua directed a man from each tribe to carry across a stone and place them together on the other side as a memorial to what God had done for them. Certainly, when they had been 40 years in the desert, they forgot, time and again, what God had done for them and complained about what he was not doing. It is not just the Israelites. It’s me. I get thrilled and joyous over something I recognize God has done but soon the memory fades and I complain or whine or worry. It would behoove me to pile up a bunch of “good memory” rocks to revisit as needed. How about you? Here are some tidbits gleaned from mostly Psalms and Romans (Peterson’s The Message):

- God, make a fresh start in me. Shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.
- Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it.
- Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody.
- Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.
- I’m putting one foot in front of the other. I’m not giving up.

And from a Zen master: “Thank you for everything, I have no complaint whatever.”

Enjoy each day of the remaining summer. It is what we have.

Blessings, Mary Hicks, your Deacon

“MEAL-IN-A-BAG” MINISTRY FOR THE ST. MARY’S FOOD PANTRY

Each month we come **together** with a “loaf or fish” and, collectively, we **provide** a meal for a family in need. Thank you for bringing in food for the “Meals in a Bag ministry”. FIVE meals were delivered to St. Mary’s Food Pantry in July. This ministry only exists because of the support from parishioners. Please take a label or two from the board and bring the food to church for the 4th Sunday, August 26th. **Please note that the board with the labels has a new location – the back of the church on the lectionary side!**

With Love, Peace and Joy, in our hearts and Service & Ministry on our minds. Pat Bair, Marlene Duke, JoAnne Markey, Josh Spooner and Tamsin Lucey.



TENDING HOLY TRINITY GROUNDS AND BUILDING

The Bachands would like to thank all the parishioners who assisted us with the yard cleanup on July 14th and 15th. We will be hosting another yard cleanup on Saturday, August 11th, and Sunday, August 12th, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon, and hope to have even more volunteers! We will be working to get specific things ready for VBS. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers! We hope to see you there!

~Matt Bachand (508)909-6367

GATHERING ON HAMILTON STREET

On Tuesday, August 7th and August 21st, the church doors will be open at 4:00 p.m. and soup will be served at 5:00 p.m. On August 7th, preparations for VBS will be in full swing, and on August 21st, we will be taking down the last of the VBS decorations. Please come and join the fun.

We will be making soup both evenings – if you like to prepare vegetables and enjoy conversation, please join us in the kitchen at 4:00 p.m. You don't need a special invite to come and join us, just come and enjoy some hot food, conversation, and fellowship.

~Tamsin Lucey



Zumba Fitness classes at Holy Trinity

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance/fitness class and we are happy to announce that we are offering it to the community every Wednesday evening in August, for a free will donation. Zumba is an energetic dance exercise program, but you choose your own pace. Please dress accordingly and bring water—a towel might be useful, too! Zumba is open to the community so please invite your family, friends, and coworkers to join you on Wednesday, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6:15 p.m. Come join the fun - all ages welcome including children!



TAIZÉ SERVICE—LAST IN THE CURRENT SERIES

On Sunday, August 19th at 5:15 p.m., we will offer the last Taizé service in the current series. We invite you to join us for this candle light service of quiet contemplation, reflection, Bible readings, simple chants, and deep listening. We have offered a Taizé service every month for the last 5 years; we are now taking a sabbatical to discern what God's calling is for the future of our Ecumenical Taizé service. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the last 5 years. News of future services will be posted in the Tidings, service bulletins, on our new web site and Facebook page.

~Dorothy Frisch, Susan Howland, Tamsin Lucey

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER GROUP, FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MEETING

The Stewardship Prayer Group, Finance Committee and Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Monday, August 6th, at 6:00 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Church.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT OVERLOOK



Pastor Mary and Ray will be offering the Holy Eucharist in the chapel at the Overlook Communities on **Friday, August 17th**, at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to join us for joy-filled worship!

HEALING PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing Prayer Group meeting will take place on **Saturday, August 11th, at 2:00 p.m.** at Deacon Mary Hicks' Home.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - Pheobe Reith-Lowery
4—Ray Gregoire
11 - Joel Khattar
13—Priscilla Reich
16—John Linton
17—Suzanne Sharp
20—Colleen DeMings
25—Ethan Anderstrom
25—Braden Bullard
25—Susan Lindsay

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

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Did you know that there is an on-going Inquirers' Class that meets monthly after Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship and you are invited? Our next monthly class session will be held **Sunday, August 19th**, around noon. We are using material from books titled Your Faith Your Life and Glorious Companions. Pastor Mary leads this class.

Holy Trinity Church Financial Figures

JUNE 2012

Total Monthly Receipts: \$12,979.96
Total Monthly Income Required for Budget: \$13,931.72
Total Monthly Expenditures : \$9,061.36

YEAR TO DATE

JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 26, 2012

Total Year-to-date Receipts: \$82,716.80
Total Year-to-Date Income Required for Budget: \$95,274.99
Total Year-to-Date Expenditures: \$81,218.52



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SKY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The preparations for VBS are well in hand and we are excited to be offering the opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus, who is “there for us no matter what”, to 40 children this August. You can help make it all happen by donating one of the many items needed for snack, lunch or the activities that the children will be doing. These range from juice and bread, to blow up beach balls and zip lock sandwich bags! Please see the board with “post it’s” by the font in the back of the church. This ministry is only possible because of all the support from the parishioners.

THANK YOU.

Coming this fall to Holy Trinity! Family Worship! No Sunday school required!

What is this? What happened to Sunday school? Research shows that in order for children to truly grow into faithful Christians, they need a program that integrates all members of their family. They need to SEE their parents in worship, they need to HEAR their siblings sing hymns; they need to FEEL the love of Christ during the gospel. The traditional Sunday school model does not always fit those needs. We, as a team (including Pastor Mary and Rev. Jill Williams from the diocese), discerned that a new model of Family Worship, where families stay TOGETHER and worship in a kid friendly way, with lots of participation is what God is calling us to do.

This is what it will look like: Every other Sunday starting Sunday September 23, 2012, families will meet in Blakely hall during the time the rest of the congregation participates in Liturgy of the Word. The families will have their own worship that will include songs, a reading of the Gospel, perhaps acted out, and then a craft or a game that extends the learning from that week. The families will then be received back into the sanctuary to participate in the Eucharist with the entire congregation. Family Worship will also be offered at our Gathering on Hamilton Street Tuesday nights to give another time for families to be together.

Imagine families staying together for the entire time of worship in a meaningful, fun and joyous way. Families will take turns leading the service and choose games and songs that with which they are fully invested. Our program is intended for all ages, from infants and toddlers to tweens and teens. And let’s not forget grandparents, aunts and uncles with their families as well! Come and see for yourself!

HELP is needed for us to make this new program get off the ground and ready for September!

JOIN US: August 25, 2012

9-11: Clean and organize storage closets, make posters, get supplies ready
11-1130 Family Fellowship Coffee, snacks
1130-12:30 Family Worship Service

~Tamsin Lucey and Eileen DeMings

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The Rt. Reverend Gordon Scruton

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist (said)
10:15 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

Save These Dates

August 13th to 17th—9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Weekdays in August—9:15 a.m.—Morning Prayer

Tuesday in August—7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

Wednesday in August—6:15 p.m.—Zumba Classes

Sunday, August 5th—12:00 Noon—Vestry Meeting

2:30 p.m.—Overlook Bible Study

Monday, August 6th—6:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group,

Finance Committee, and Buildings and Grounds Meeting

Tuesday, August 7th—4:00 p.m.—Gathering on Hamilton Street

Wednesday, August 8th—3:45 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Saturday, August 11th—2:00 p.m.—Healing Prayer Group—Mary

Hicks's Home

Friday, August 17—9:30 a.m.—Overlook Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 19th—12:00 Noon—Inquirers' Class

2:30 p.m.—Overlook Bible Study

Tuesday, August 21st—4:00 p.m.—Gathering on Hamilton Street

Sunday, August 26th—9:00 a.m.—All Parish Meeting