



# 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!

The summer is coming upon us, a time of heat and humidity. A time that normally sees a reduction in activity, and a time in which recreation ("re-creation") is the first order. It is just as valuable as 'lying fallow' is to the natural order; just like letting the dough rest after kneading is necessary if the bread is to rise while baking. Sometime this summer, take advantage of some time for "stillness." Like when one simply appreciates the deep joy of cool, clear water when the heat is in the stratosphere.

We will be busy at Holy Trinity, with feeding programs, educational options, and gatherings to draw us closer to the youth of the neighborhood. So it may be helpful to complement the ordinary spirituality of the summer season with a prayer for self-forgetfulness. That one can become lost in the doing of God's will, without concern or care for self. Even forgetting to check on how well one is doing!! Nothing more than just being present to the moments as they take their own course. The relaxed, even disposition of the still soul, while involved in the tasks of the days and events, bring us closer to the heart of God. It is with great wisdom the old prayer reminded us that "eternal life stood in the knowledge of God, the author of Peace and concord; .....in whose service we find [our] perfect freedom." The Contemplative spirit is found in acting in concert with God. How often I need to tell myself that if God is to be found, it is to be right here, right now!! God will bless our looking, through what we love and offer back.

*Peace and all good!!!! I remain, Yours in Christ, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore*

## Senior Warden Speaking

I said it in June and say it again now: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Southbridge is a "Happening Place". Please pray for all the volunteers that are living out their faith and putting their hands and feet where God would have them be this summer - at HTEC - on Hamilton St. as we share with the community the love and compassion of Jesus. Read elsewhere in this Tidings all the Happening News!

On June 8, Fr. Richard, the vestry, and several parishioners met and engaged in a process called a Mutual Ministry Review. We discussed the 2014 Position Description Covenant Document, reflecting on achievements, successes, and areas that need some work. I am happy to report that as a result of the discussions a few small changes will be made to the Position Description Covenant Document for 2015. This document will then become a compass for this next year, as we move onwards to God's Promised and Preferred future for us. We are also one step closer to Fr. Richard Signore becoming our Rector!

It is with great sadness that I share the news of Priscilla Reich's death. A long time parishioner of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church she will be missed on Sunday mornings and at parish events. As we share in Judy's grief and sorrow, keep her with your prayers. We do however remain comforted, as Judy is, in the certain knowledge that Priscilla is in Heaven with God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, Angels and all faithful servants. May Priscilla rest in eternal Peace, Love and Joy.

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](mailto:abritinusa@gmail.com).

*Looking Forward....*

*With gratitude and blessings*

*Tamsin Lucey*

*We can do no great things just small things with great love.*

### THE MISSION PLATE

We will be continuing to collect offerings during July for YMCA Camp Foscett. I hope to be able to send them a check that would cover at least partial payment for a camper. It really is "doing small things with great love."

Please think about the mission plate prayerfully. I hope to attend a vestry meeting soon, and would welcome your ideas for future monthly offerings. There are many needs around the world and here in our own country, but there are also needs more local, and our own plans for community involvement here at HTEC. Please send me an email, call, or speak to me after church. I really want to hear from as many of you as possible. Thank you.

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## Summer in the Undercroft 2015

Summer in the cool, cool Undercroft- doesn't sound too exciting – or does it. This summer HTEC will be a host site for the Southbridge Summer Food Service Program, July 6 through August 7. A federally funded program, administered in MA by Project Bread, strives to provide free lunches (and or breakfasts) to MA residents under the age of 18. Project Bread approached us in January of 2015 to see if we would be a site – we tentatively said yes – we hoped we could host 3 days a week.

For the last several years we have been praying that the Holy Spirit would make known to us the following: What is our mission? Why is HTEC on Hamilton St.? God doesn't mind where we worship just that we do. So: Why is HTEC here? Why is it on Hamilton Street with all the room that we have? God has arranged for us to host the Summer Free Lunch Program all 5 week days! Volunteers have come forth from 4 different churches to help us out. Not only that, we are offering 3 different programs and have help with set up and cleanup from an organization outside of the church. The programs include a summer reading program, held twice each week for 6, 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Southbridge children to read their school assigned summer reading book – Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. This program is facilitated by Bobbie Helbig, Rose Reith and Susan Grant – please pray for them. VBS is being held this year once a week on Wednesday mornings – 9 to 11:30 followed by Free Lunch. Please pray for the VBS team. You, Inc. are facilitating an Activity/Craft Program on Thursdays for grades 3 and under. Please pray for the You, Inc. team. Please pray for the HTEC Free Lunch Program volunteers - pray that God will send us lots of hungry young mouths to feed, pray that the volunteers are nourished in body and soul, and pray that we continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Pray that it will become clear to us that this is why HTEC is on Hamilton St – that we are called to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus, on Hamilton St, to a hurting hungry world.

Summer in the cool undercroft will be a cool, cool summer for kids in Southbridge.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ HTEC!



**WEDNESDAYS**  
**July 8 through August 5**  
**9:00-11:30AM**  
**Ages 5-12 (Under 4 with adult)**  
**Snacks included.**



**FREE lunch provided at 11:30 a.m. for children under 18.**

- Bible-learning activities.
  - Sing catchy songs.
- Play teamwork-building games.
- Make and dig into yummy treats.
- Experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures.
- Collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love.
- Test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.
- Community outreach by setting up and maintaining a lemonade stand!

Registration recommended but not required.

**Cost: \$10.00 per child for ALL 5 weeks! Family maximum \$20.00.**

*Scholarships available.*

Registration forms available on the table in the Narthex or by visiting our website.

## PROJECT BREAD AND HTEC TEAM UP TO OFFER FREE SUMMER LUNCH AT HTEC!

July 6 through August 7  
Monday through Friday  
Volunteers 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Lunch served 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Interested in being in the cool of the Undercroft? In making a small difference in a child's life by reading a short book, facilitating a coloring activity or craft? Have time to stop by one Monday or Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.? Then please talk with Tamsin soon!

Bobbie Helbig is coordinating volunteers and facilitating reading a book from the Southbridge School Summer Reading list for grades 6, 7 and 8. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Bobbie.!



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



Join us for Family Worship in  
Blakely Hall

**July 12 & 26**

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.**

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1—Lily Nordman  
1 - Sam Pieczynski  
2—Peter Lucey  
15 - Paul Aloia  
21—Ernest Nordman  
29—Norma Kennedy  
29 - Ryan Bousquet

*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.*

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

### **Green Thumb Ministry**



The lawn mower rota is up and running and regular weed control and bush trimming is being taken care of. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



## **HTEC Community Yard Sale**

### **Saturday August 15 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

### **Rain or Shine**

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. 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.

Several people have already signed up for tables including John and Susan Grant who will have the “HTEC grill” table outside and will be serving hotdogs & burgers etc. Lemonade stand anyone??

If **YOU** are interested in helping to: unpack, display, sell and repack (unsold stuff) donated by others, on behalf of HTEC, please talk with Joe or Tamsin BEFORE JULY 12. If no one has come forward by then, there will **NOT** be a Holy Trinity table and **NO** general donations will be accepted.

### **Loaves and Fishes Ministry**

You may have noticed there was no Loaves and Fishes Ministry news in the June Tidings. The reason why not – there was very little food donated in May to take to the food pantry, and again in June there is not much either. “So what” you may ask – “Does it matter if we support the food pantry? We do so many other things”. This is absolutely true and maybe it is time to “let go” of the food pantry ministry and concentrate our efforts in areas that everyone is excited about. However, there is always a “**but**” and my **but** is this – collecting food for the food pantry should be a no brainer – second nature – something everyone can do. When we purchase our own groceries we can purchase 1 or 2 extra items, take them to church, and put them in the basket. There is always a need for food at the food pantries – we are always blessed with food on our tables – we thank God for our blessings and we share in our bounty. Yes, we share that bounty in different ways, but I find myself coming back to this bible passage over and over again: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” I think that people just forget – they like the idea, they mean to take a grocery bag and a list at the beginning of the month and buy some extra food, bring it back to church and put it in the basket, but they just forget to do so – so much else going on in their lives. Maybe I am wrong – maybe we have just had enough of the “donating food to the food pantry” – it’s old and we’ve done it forever - let’s do something different!

It’s up to you. Please VOTE with your food donations – over the next two months (July and August) if grocery donations come in, we will continue with this mission and outreach. If Groceries do NOT come in, we will no longer collect for the food pantry. Please let me know what you think!



*With Love, Peace and Joy,*



### **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.





### SPONSOR CHILD

There are just 2 spots left to donate to our sponsor child, Nicholas, through Childreach. In sponsoring Nicholas, we ensure that his family has sufficient funds to send him to school, and see that he gets the clothes, food and medicines that he needs to thrive. A donation of just \$30.00 covers the sponsorship for 1 month. Please let Chris Bolte, the parish secretary, know if you would like to take one of the 2 remaining months, OR sign the sheet on the table at the back of the church. Thank you. Together we can change the life of one child.



### 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.

### VBS SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED!

We're gathering snack supplies to feed all the hungry kids who come to our Everest Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be held for 5 Wednesdays: July 8, 15, 22, and 29 and August 5. There are post-it notes with needed supplies at the back of the church, but we also need some fresh food weekly. Please call Susan Howland: 508-248-6112 or 508-612-3198 or email [howlands@charter.net](mailto:howlands@charter.net), if you would like to provide the food or funds for the following items:

#### **For July 15:**

- 3 quarts of strawberry yogurt

#### **For July 29:**

- 2 pints blueberries
- 2 pints raspberries

#### **For August 5:**

- Five packages pita bread, whole 8" rounds.
- Four 8 ounce packages shredded mozzarella cheese



We will also be collecting money to buy sandwich makings for the adults at VBS; kids eat free from Project Bread. Thanks for your partnership with VBS! ~Susan

**THE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS  
FOR MAY WERE NOT  
AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE  
TIDINGS WENT TO PRINT. THEY  
WILL BE AVAILABLE BY  
REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT  
THE PARISH OFFICE.**



The office will be open on  
Wednesdays and Thursdays in  
July and August from 9am-12 Noon unless  
otherwise noted in the bulletin.



## HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, July 25

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We invite you to join our effort to support the Red Cross and either make an appointment to donate blood or help on the day, or provide a snack. Please see Tamsin Lucey for more information. Look for more details coming soon on the web site, Facebook, the Sunday service bulletins and flyers.

There is always a need for blood donors to help prevent a shortage. Here's how you can help the patients in need:

1. Make an appointment to donate blood.
2. Share this information with everyone you know. Let them all know their help is needed now.
3. Bring a friend! If every donor brought a friend to donate, we could help prevent a shortage.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-v6> and enter

Sponsor Code: HTCSB



## HTEC Old Fashioned Summer Cookout on July 3rd

Food served 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Homemade Baked Beans, Apple Pie, Watermelon, Iced Tea and Lemonade etc.

Parishioners, their families, friends, neighbors, and the community are all invited!  
*VBS kick off.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help is needed, can you please provide: Baked Beans in a crock pot ready to serve?  
Help grill Hamburgers and Hot Dogs? Help set up? - 2:30 pm onwards; Help clean up? - 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
If YES, please sign up on the volunteer form on the Narthex table, speak to Tamsin Lucey after church, or call [508-347-1414](tel:508-347-1414).



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Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\*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, July 6 to August 7—11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-

Free Summer Lunch Program

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, July 7 to August 5—Noon—12:45p.m. -

Summer Reading Program

Thursdays, July 9 to August 6—12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.—

Summer Activities Program

Wednesdays, July 7 to August 5—9am-11:30am—VBS

Monday, July 13—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

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

Saturday, July 25—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Blood Drive @ HTEC

Saturday, July 25 —4:30 p.m.—Free Simple Supper at Elm Street

Congregational Church—Gumbo

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

#### **Class Information**

Wednesday night yoga will not be meeting in July and August. Classes to resume in September.