

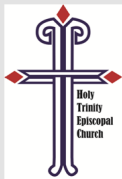


# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## July 2016

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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,

Plant some seeds, watch them grow!

What a wonderful preoccupation, in these hotter months. Yes plant tomatoes, peppers, and cilantro. And grass seed around the front garden of the Church. Water them, watch them green and sprout. For some the flowers and the fruit soon appear, and make wonderful additions to the table in the autumn. "Richness" we would not have otherwise comes as a blessing.

Summer is also a time to plant the seed of an idea, with your neighbor at home, and neighbor on Hamilton St. A smile, and an invitation; "Join us at worship" – and offer oneself for God's purpose, to discern purpose and peace in oneself. There is a great gift to share, even if you have to scatter hundreds of seeds to see any sprouts!

Pray Lord, to send many into the harvest. Pray Lord, bless the seeds!!! Lord of abundance, bless us all!!! I remain,

Yours friend in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## Ecumenical Service on August 7 at Westville Dam

Elm Street Congregational Church has invited Holy Trinity Church to join them for an outdoor worship service at Westville Dam at 10:00 am followed by a picnic! Please come and join us for worship and fellowship! More information to follow in the Sunday bulletins!

*There will be a "said" service on that day at Holy Trinity for those that are not able to attend this outdoor service.*

## THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thank you for your prayers for Holy Trinity. When we pray for the parish every week during the prayers of the people I do believe the prayers are being answered. With God's help we have been moving out into our neighborhood. The Community Gardening event was successful in building relationships with our neighbors. Thank you Tamsin for organizing this community event.

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> cook out will be another opportunity for Holy Trinity to be present in the neighborhood. If we are blessed with good weather on July 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be setting up tables in front of the church to be more inviting. Invitations have been sent to many town officials to help build relationships with the Town of Southbridge. The best way to show our commitment to our neighborhood is by example.

The fire alarm system is being installed. Thank you Susan Howland for facilitating the logistics that have helped to make this installation move forward so expeditiously. Our relationship with the YMCA is proving to be a most important partnership.

Holy Trinity has been invited by Elm Street Congregational Church to join them for a service and church picnic at the Westville Dam on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Please plan to join us for a new opportunity to build an ecumenical relationship.

A plan for a Hispanic ministry are coming together. In addition to the Community Gardens, and the July 3<sup>rd</sup> cookout in the fall we will be offering First Communion classes to the neighborhood. This suggestion came from Tom Callard and his Hispanic team from the Diocese. The Bishop was very supportive of our plans when he met with the Vestry following the service on June 5, 2016.

I am thankful for a leadership team with vision and a supportive congregation.

*Nancy Waugh*

**Join us for Family Worship in**



**Blakely Hall**

**July 10 & 24**



**When families come together to  
worship with kids in mind.**



### VBS SNACK AND LUNCH DONATIONS NEEDED!

We're gathering snack and lunch supplies to feed all the hungry kids and leaders who come to our Cave Quest Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be held for 5 Fridays: July 15, 22, 29 and August 5 and 12. There are post-it notes with needed supplies at the back of the church, but we will also shop for you this year and there are donation envelopes on the post-it board. Thanks for your partnership with VBS!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Lily Nordman

1 – Sam Pieczynski

2 – Peter Lucey

6 – Diane Nichols

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. Thank you!*

## Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Thank you for your continued donations to the Loaves and Fishes ministry. Your donations of food, placed lovingly in the Food Pantry basket, are eagerly accepted by the St. John Paul Food Pantry. Please remember that each and every donation is a blessing to those in need. Summer is here and it is salad season! On Sunday July 3, brown paper bags and a suggested shopping list will be on a music stand by the Narthex Doors. Please take a bag and shop from the list as you are able for items suitable for salads; green bean, tuna, chicken, dressings etc are always appreciated at this time of the year. Food returned by Sunday July 31 will be blessed before going to the pantry that week. As we are blessed, may we be a blessing.

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

*Tamsin Lucey & Bill Nelson.*



## Holy Trinity Church Financial Report May 2016

### On the income side

Pledges are behind \$2,328 over the budgeted arrearage of \$2,208 after correcting for pre-paid pledges. This is improved from last month.

Overall the other lines are within budget. Fundraising tends to happen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

### On the expense side

- All expense lines are within budget with these exceptions:
  - Line 5302 · Church, Capital Improvement. This line shows the Fire Alarm expense, but it is being paid by funds donated by the YMCA.
  - Line 5301 · Church Repair/Maintenance is over budget; some of these expenses may be recovered from the YMCA rental as they were necessary for the rental.
  - Line 5203 · Utilities- Electric Church is over budget and is a direct result of the YMCA rental.
- There are several lines under budget, notably:
  - The Clergy reimbursables and clergy supply as Fr. Richard has not taken vacation in 2016.
  - Insurance is paid once a year and reserved monthly, so the line will look under budget.
  - Oil is under budget, but money is put away monthly for large purchases. There is enough oil in the tank for most of the 2016-2017 season.
  - We have an outstanding bill for minor organ repair, and the major repair is scheduled to be done in June.

The Fire Alarm motion passed unanimously by email vote on May 17, 2016. The bid from Alternative Telecommunications was \$29,338.44 total, \$10,715.20 upstairs, \$18,623.24 downstairs. YMCA portion \$9,311.62, HTC Portion \$20,026.82.

For an overall financial perspective look at the Statement of Financial Position.

*Susan Howland, Treasurer*

## HTEC Old Fashioned Summer Cookout on July 3rd

Food served 3:00-4:30 pm

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Homemade Baked Beans, Pies, Watermelon, Iced Tea and Lemonade.

Parishioners, their families, friends, neighbors, and the community are all invited!

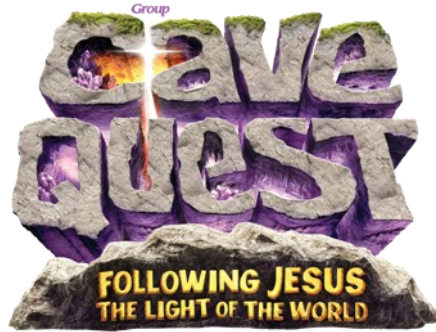


## HTEC Community Yard Sale Saturday, August 20 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Rain or Shine



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 be collecting items to sell at the Holy Trinity table beginning August 14. More information on what will be accepted to follow. We will have an “HTEC grill” table outside that will be serving hotdogs & burgers etc. Lemonade stand anyone?? – Talk with Rose Reith 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, Rose & Tamsin would love to hear from you today!

***The last day to reserve a table is August 13.***



## VBS 2016

Fridays July 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, and 12

9am -12pm , lunch included

Ages 5 and up (4 and under with a parent in attendance)

Cost: \$10 (max \$20 per family) Scholarships available.



Registration going on now!

**Jesus Gives us: HOPE, COURAGE, DIRECTION, LOVE, AND HIS POWER!**

For more information please contact Eileen DeMings 617-429-1798 or [eksullivan99@dpcv.org](mailto:eksullivan99@dpcv.org)



### **JULY 3 COMMUNITY COOKOUT—HELP NEEDED!**

This year the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Cookout is on a SUNDAY — we have moved the time to mid-afternoon, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - a time that we hope will be more convenient for folks. As in previous years, the food will be served buffet style in the Parish Hall BUT this year tables and chairs will be set up outside - in front of the church - as well as in the Parish Hall. Plans are well under way – we have folks to grill and bring baked beans. Angels are still needed!

Please let me know if you can help with:

- Food prep in the undercroft kitchen – starting at 1:00 pm or earlier if more convenient for you!
  - Set up tables and chairs – either after the service OR at 1:30 pm.
  - Clean up – help with taking down tables and chairs etc.
- Facilitating activities and games for children – outside at the front of the church!

**Most importantly remember to come – and to bring friends and neighbors of yours as well!**

*Tamsin Lucey 774 200 4279*

### **THE MISSION PLATE**

For the month of July, the Mission Plate will continue to accept donations for Reconciliation House in memory of Chris Hobbs, Father Bill Hobb's son who died last month from a drug overdose. We want to support each individual in their clean and sober life!

I would like to suggest also that if each of us put in \$1.00 each week, which is less than the cost of a cup of coffee, together we would raise quite a lot! Let's give it a try, and see what happens! Expect miracles!

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



### THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTION!

They say that Episcopalians don't like change - that Episcopalians do things slowly. Here at Holy Trinity we like to think that we move surely and steadily forward, towards God's Preferred and Promised future for us - guided by the Holy Spirit and grounded in prayer. Change is always happening - some changes happen quicker than others! The **Gathering on Hamilton Street** Tuesday evenings started several years ago - I can't really remember which year - But in 2012 the first Tuesday of the July was July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the vestry decided it would be a good idea to host a July 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Cook Out instead of the GoHSt soup! GoHSt has long gone - it was an "excellent failure" - BUT the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Cook Out continues on. The original objective of GoHSt and the first July 3<sup>rd</sup> Cook Out remains the same - to share food and company with our family, friends and neighbors - not only our own parishioners but amongst neighbors in the community. Each year we have done things a little differently - the menu is still the basic Cook Out fare but has evolved, the grills are now charcoal for authentic grilled taste - This year tables and chairs will be set up outside, games and activities will be available for children, flyers and the sign outside the church are in English and Puerto Rican - we are intentionally inviting our neighbors! Invitations have been extended to Community Leaders in the Town and to our Community Garden partners. Please join the celebration out front of the Church as we extend what we do best - Christian love and hospitality!

Tamsin Lucey 774 200 4279

### COMMUNITY GARDEN SUMMER MONTHS!

God was and is with us - all the way! It rained before and after, but NOT during, both Community Gardening events! Father Richard was on hand to bless gardens outside the church, at Cross Street and Worcester Street - Thank you Fr. Richard for making the time to travel to Southbridge 2 Saturdays in a row! All 3 events - container gardens at the front of the church, and community plots at Cross Street and Worcester Street were wonderful successes. Thank you to all the Holy Trinity folk that came and lent a hand - couldn't have managed without you. Hard work but lots of fun and well worth the effort! Several neighbors came and planted in containers that were then trundled home in wheelbarrows! We have; tomatoes, beans, peppers, cucumbers and lettuce growing in straw bales in front of the Parish Hall, and wooden crates on the steps to the Foyer, plus sunflowers and delphiniums growing in containers in front of the Church! The Community Plots at Cross Street and Worcester Street are full of assorted vegetables and herbs. Straw bales and wooden crates are planted with watermelons, butternut squash, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, summer squash and zucchini. Community neighbors are watering their own plots, the straw bales, wooden crates and even the grass and flower beds in front of the Church! We encourage folks to check in on the progress of the vegetables and pick produce as it is ready. AND if you see Idamaris Rivera watering the plants in front of the church one evening - *please* introduce yourself, say hello, and thank her!



These activities continue to give us opportunities to engage in conversation with our neighbors; we can get to know each other better as we become known as the Face, Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton St. as we are called to be a presence on Hamilton Street and in this neighborhood.

If you are at all interested in how this new emerging and exciting ministry will continue during the summer, fall, and possibly in 2017, please contact Tamsin Lucey 774 200 4279.

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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**

Sunday, July 3—3:00 p.m.—Community Cookout at HTC

Sunday, July 10—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, July 13—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

Friday, July 15—9:00 a.m.—VBS

Wednesday, July 20—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Friday, July 22—9:00 a.m.—VBS

Sunday, July 24—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Friday, July 29—9:00 a.m.—VBS