



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## July 2017

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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 humidity hits and the heat rises, there will be a natural innate tendency to slow the pace and begin to do no more than the basic chores. Who knows, even more time spent sitting and enjoying a leisurely cold supper, a lemonade, and a conversation about things of the moment; or on things that have pulled at your curiosity over the last 30 years. One can hardly do anything else when the summer is "full-on!"

GOOD!! The One who designed creation was not fooling around!! The design is to slow down and enjoy the foods that give us sustenance, to recognize God in the people around us, to be curious – together – until all are re-armed for the tasks of living and the witness we have to bring. God looks to walk with us in the "slow and natural" that we can carry God through the pulse-pounding pace we assume to be the way life is lived. Let us not miss that there is some "Eucharist" in every meal we share; some holiness in every bond we fashion. When we recreate, we re-create the self that stands in God. Let the heat do its worst, so we can be at our best!!

I remain, your friend in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

## THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thank you to the Audit Committee, Lynn Garland, Jerry Helbig, and Josh Spooner, for completing the audit. Lynn presented the audit to the vestry, and it will be sent to the diocese and entered into the minutes as a permanent record. It is a very important part of our life together as a community to ensure transparency and the good stewardship of our finances.

The vestry has been reading the book *Slow Church* and discussing a chapter at each vestry meeting. At this month's vestry meeting we reflected on the conclusion of the book. The book reinforced some of the things we already do, one of which is hospitality. An upcoming example of our hospitality is the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Cookout at Holy Trinity. Please join us as we open our doors to the neighborhood.

The vestry might be asking for volunteers to help serve or provide lunches to the community in August. The schools provide lunches in the summer, but that will end August 11, 2017. We will be partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran Church. More information will be announced in church as this mission to our neighborhood is revealed. Please see me or Fr. Richard if you would be interested in this important ministry.

Gratitude for all these blessings and thanksgivings for the time, talent and treasures that Holy Trinity receives abundantly.

Nancy Waugh  
Senior Warden



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## AUGUST 14-18

## 9:00AM—12NOON

## LUNCH INCLUDED!

\$10/child

\$20/family

Scholarships available!

Ages 5 and up

\*under 4 with a  
parent in  
attendance

**WANTED**

STATION AND CREW LEADERS! PLEASE SEE  
EILEEN DEMINGS OR CAT REITH-LOWERY!

Join us for Family Worship

in Blakely Hall

July 9 & 23

When families come  
together to worship with kids in mind.



It is directory update time!  
Please review the directory on  
the back table of the church  
and make any corrections or  
put a "✓" next to your name.  
Thank you!

**Vacation Bible School Sponsorship Opportunity.**  
HTC is once again offering the opportunity for children from our parish and the community to take part in VBS. We are reaching out to our parish community to sponsor a child attending VBS. By sponsoring a child, you will help pay for them to have daily themed projects, take-homes and a t-shirt. Each sponsor is \$15.00. Forms located in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

## 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!*

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## THE MISSION PLATE CHANGE FOR BABIES

For the months of July and August we will add our loose change and dollar bills to the large jar that supports the Mampong Babies project. These are babies whose mothers have died, and they are raised in the orphanage for five years and then returned to their families. Rev. Betsy Fisher tells about this in her video, and says that it costs about \$1500 a year for each child. Multiply that times twelve months and then 40 children! Let's put the jar right up front, and as you go to the rail for communion, put in your offering and love for the children. God bless our children around the world. I am UPDATING our list of SPONSORED children and would appreciate your letting me know the name of your child that you sponsor and the country they live in. Send me an email to [sharpgiberson@earthlink.net](mailto:sharpgiberson@earthlink.net) or hand me a piece of paper with the information at church so that I can compile the list for our Sunday prayers. Thank you .

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

## JULY 2ND GOOD OLD-FASHIONED COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Holy Trinity celebrates July 4 on the Sunday afternoon closest to July 4 - this year JULY 2! The time last year worked well for everyone so we have kept the time the same - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The buffet in the parish hall continues to work well so that will be the same! Tables and chairs will, as last year, be put up outside knowing that their use is very weather dependent. We have people to grill and a couple of folks signed up to bring baked beans; angels are still needed. Please let me know if you can help with:

- Food prep in the 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.
- Facilitate activities and games for children outside at the front of the church!

It is said that Love in Action is Ministry and Mission. Holy Trinity's Love of God is expressed partly in food - sharing our Love of God we remain intentional about inviting our neighbors. Flyers have been put up, and conversations started.

Most importantly, please come, bring friends and neighbors of yours. Join the celebration in the front of the church as we extend what we do best - Christian Love and Hospitality.



Tamsin Lucey [774 200 4279](tel:774-200-4279)

### **May Financial Report**

#### **Income**

- Pledges are up to date adjusting for pre-paid pledges
- Income is over budget (See report for details)

#### **Expense**

- We are \$9,000 under budget, but that money is held in reserve funds. (oil, insurance, general)

#### **Comments:**

- The bank balance is healthy. We are poised to do something significant with some of our reserves.
- There are 5,949 gallons of oil in the tank; we used 4,609, or 15.73 gallons/day, last heating season, a little more than the previous heating season.
- The YMCA anticipates moving in August, but may spend September cleaning out.
- We were approached by the United Way as they are looking for a space to rent for their office. We will update if there is progress.

*Susan Howland, Treasurer*

## LOAVES AND FISHES

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food for the John Paul II food pantry. There are still empty months and still time to sign up if you would like to do so. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. You don't have to sign up to participate; anyone can donate non-perishable food items at any time. Questions - please speak with Tamsin Lucey in person or call [774 200 4279](tel:774-200-4279).

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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**

**Sunday, July 2**—3:00 p.m.—Community Cookout

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

**Wednesday, July 12**—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

**Sunday, July 16**—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service

**Wednesday, July 19**—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

**Sunday, July 23**—9:30 p.m.—Family Worship