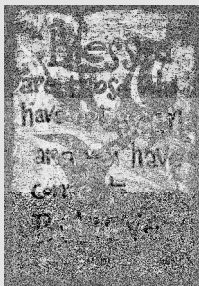




Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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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

"Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high!"

Dear friends,

We are glad to see some interesting ministry opportunities beginning to form at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We were sought out for our location. These are in the "formative" stages and a few pieces need to drop into place for them to take flight, and yet are well within reach. There is an initiative to create a neighborhood safe-space in which young teens can have supervised activities and learning experiences - and just plain fun! But this needs to take place off the street, away from the abrasive violence, and destructive behaviors often found there. This initiative is called the "Clubhouse." A funding grant-request is pending, if successful these funds would be used to establish and grow the initiative. The initiative will go ahead even if the grant is not successful it will just take longer to get going. Either way this initiative will be staffed. Another, separate, but related project will be for us to be a location for the Project Bread Summer Food Service Lunch Program. We hope to staff this two days a week with volunteers from HTEC; and if the volunteers are available from HTEC and local churches, add other weekdays. Other local organizations are interested in facilitating activities for children to engage in as well as lunch. Details to follow!!!

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The scripture "to stay in the city," is featured during this time between the Ascension of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It focuses our mission with a certain finitude! Our commitment to our neighborhood and to our location, here where there is need and struggle, lends a deep poignancy to the light Christ brings to bear! We were sought out because of our location, and recognize this as a gift, for stronger service. Pray that what begins in our Love of Christ can bring fruit a thousand times larger, as we share the Spirit of Peace!!

I remain, faithfully yours in Christ,
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

THE MISSION PLATE

June is here, school is ending, and summer is coming with warm and longer days! Now is the time to help young people have fun this summer, and attending camp is a great opportunity. Swimming, boating, sports, games and activities with friends, laughter, and memories galore!

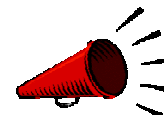
Let's make this possible for a child that otherwise might not have this opportunity. Let's make this happen so his or her summer will be a time to remember.

Thank you all for making this possible. God bless you and your generosity.

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



VESTRY MEETING JUNE 8 @ 7PM MUTUAL MINISTRY REVIEW



Please join us as we review the Position Description that was drawn up last year – this document describes how Holy Trinity Episcopal Church partners with our part time clergy to “do church” “be who we are” and “Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street”. We will also consider whether Fr. Richard becomes our Rector. The congregation is encouraged to attend!

Trinity Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday - our name sake Sunday - our church's Birthday Sunday will be celebrated in the parish hall after the service with a Birthday cake. Children will blow out the candles and cut and serve the cake. Come join us for the party!



MEMORIAL BOOK

HTEC is looking for a person who enjoys the art of handwriting to update our Memorial Book. The Memorial Book lists all of the contributions made in memory of a loved one. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping out, please see Fr. Richard or Tamsin Lucey.



Senior Warden Speaking

I have said it before and will share it now – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Southbridge is a “Happening Place”. Our calling – is to “Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton St.” This came about while praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit – why are we here, in this building now? We continue to pray constantly and to seek guidance. I am sure that you can all share and relate to God Moments – several of which happened this past month - chance meetings, comments and suggestions that all came together moving us towards hosting the Project Bread Summer Food Service Program. As a result we will be hosting the Free Lunch Program at least 2 days a week Tuesday and Thursdays – starting July 7 and running through August 6. As this Tidings issue goes to press, there is a distinct possibility that Mondays and Wednesdays might be added as well. Praise the Lord! Along with lunch there will be activities to engage the youth. Vacation Bible School plans are coming together, Eileen DeMings told me Sunday “VBS will be offered once a week for 5 weeks to coincide with the Free Lunch Program” – “Thank You God”. You Inc. will be providing a small group of volunteers and staff person to oversee a program for children through grade 3 one of the days and the Center of Hope will be providing 2 or 3 volunteers and staff person to help with set up and cleanup for the Free Lunch Program. “Thank You God”. 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 Eileen for VBS, Bobbie for Reading and Tamsin for everything else!

Last month I mentioned an opportunity for us to partner in a project called “the Club House”. Conversations are continuing.

June 8 at 7:00 p.m. the vestry will begin our 2015 Mutual Ministry Review. Please join us from 7 to 8 as we review the Position Description that was drawn up last year – this document you will remember describes how Holy Trinity Episcopal Church partners with our part time clergy to “do church” “be who we are” and “Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street”. The Position Description is attached with the emailed Tidings – if you would like a hard copy mailed to you please contact Chris Bolte in the office, it may also be viewed on line at the HTEC web site and is displayed on the HTEC notice board in the foyer. Last month, in Tidings, I mentioned that this year’s Mutual Ministry Review will also consider whether Fr. Richard becomes our Rector. Please join us on June 8 at 7:00 pm and join in this very important conversation.

As always - please remember in your prayers; Fr Richard, Nina and their family, all the Lay Leaders and 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

Green Thumb Ministry

Thanks to those who signed up for the mowing rota ministry. Thanks to the Green Thumb Gnomes that tidied, raked, trimmed and planted the yard and front garden of the church - it looks very nice, Anyone with an interest in keeping the church grounds looking their best is most welcome to do so.



PROJECT BREAD AND HTEC ARE TEAMING UP TO OFFER FREE SUMMER LUNCH AT HTEC!

July 7 through August 6
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Volunteers needed 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lunch served 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Some volunteer opportunities still remain.
The sign up sheet is located on the Narthex table.

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.!



YARD SALE AT HTEC

August 15, 2015

Registration forms will be available later in June. If anyone is interested in organizing an HTEC table, please speak to Bart Krug and/or Joe DiSalvatore. If we don't have a volunteer for this table, there will not be one.

Therefore, at this time, we will not be accepting donations of items.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4—Teddy DeMings
14—Joe Pieczynski
22—Trisha O'Brien-Briere
23—Joe DiSalvatore
24—Barbara Meservey
28—Chris Bolte

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?



Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

June 14 & 28

When families come together to worship
with kids in mind.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

If we look at the total income minus the pre-paid pledges we are exactly on budget.

But, there are many variances within the income lines:

- The quarterly trust income just came in; it is over budget, but it will be applied for 2 more months.
- There is some un-budgeted income for coffee, interest and flowers.
- The rental income is way over budget.
- Pledges are down \$5,000, or about \$4,000 over budget.

Expenses

Expenses overall are about \$2,000 under budget despite the oil purchase, which should last us for the 2015-16 heating season.

This means there are many underspent budget lines; see the report for details:

<http://www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org/holy-trinity-news-2/church-newsletter/>

A few thing of note:

- Our long term rental for Tai Chi stopped the end of April.
- The usual reserves for oil and insurance were transferred keeping the available checking balance at \$10,000.
- As of May 3rd we used 4,377 gallons of oil for the 2014-15 heating season. Last year on May 7th we had used 3,928.5 gallons, so the cold winter cost us an extra 448.5.
- Our investments as of the 3.31.15 have appreciated by \$4,830.
- The building repair reserve is now at \$6,692.71, with an outstanding bill for the exterior window replacement and ladies room repairs of \$2,430.
- The vestry is working on a long-range plan for building repair needs to ensure we are able to use our building for mission and ministry.
- \$79.00 was sent to Food Share so far this year.
- The Souper Bowl fundraiser raised \$200 for Food Share.
- \$163.20 went to various outreach ministries through mission plate donations.
- We have full funding for our sponsor child to date.

Thank you!

Susan Howland, Treasurer

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—AKA VBS!

This years' VBS team is coming together to bring Everest to HTEC this summer. Everest VBS will happen one morning each week for 5 weeks - starting the first week of July coinciding with the Free Lunch Program. If you would like to create the stunning back drop on the stage, please contact Trisha O'Brien-Briere. If you would like to help with activities for VBS mornings, or provide behind the scenes support, please see Eileen DeMings, if you are able to provide a meal for a VBS leader, please let Bobbie Helbig know. Look for opportunities to sponsor a child for VBS and post-it notes for snacks and supplies.



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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

Monday, June 8—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting—Mutual Ministry Review

Sunday, June 14—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Saturday, June 27—4:30 p.m.—Free Simple Supper at Elm Street
Congregational Church

Sunday, June 28—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Class Information

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga