



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.

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SENIOR WARDEN SPEAKING

First, the big news: The Vestry has unanimously voted to accept the Search Committee's recommendation to call Father Richard Signore as our next priest. Until Father Richard starts permanently as our half-time priest in the Spring of 2014, he will be our supply priest for October, November, Christmas Eve, January and February. This will allow Father Richard to take the time he needs before he assumes his role as Holy Trinity's permanent half-time priest. As our regular supply priest, Father Richard will provide pastoral oversight and begin to engage with the parish, learning more about who we are and what we do. It is true that this next stage of the transition is a little unusual, but then we have to agree that it has been most unusual up to now as well. We knew calling a half time priest would mean changes and flexibility on our part and for the priest. Father Richard, the vestry and I believe that this will work, there are mutual advantages, and that it is part of God's promised and preferred plan for us. We will use other supply priests and Morning Prayer for September, December and March. As we move forward together in Love and Faith and as information becomes available, I will keep you updated.

Onto other news, the sale of the rectory. At the beginning of August we accepted an offer and started proceedings, as it stands now it looks like the sale of the rectory will happen in mid Sept. Please keep those involved in this process in your prayers.

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Everyone reading this should have received a letter about and commitment card for the Portico & Column Restoration and Repair Fund. The vestry decided at the August meeting that it is important for us to continue with the repairs and maintenance of the church building. The Portico - the canopy at the entrance to the church door – has been there since the church was first built. It is part of what identifies this building as Holy Trinity Church; the vestry feels very strongly that it should remain so. The columns at the entrance of the foyer and parish hall likewise help identify this building as Holy Trinity Church. We pray that you will contribute to the restoration and repair fund as you are able. If you have any questions please see a member of the vestry or myself.

Lastly, with regard to the building, the vestry has approved the installation of Booster Burners to both the oil fired boilers – these will save the church fuel and therefore money. The cost of this installation is covered by the savings in fuel.

I hope that everyone is aware that Holy Trinity Church has a Web page and a Facebook page. We use these as a means of communication to the parish and to the community as a whole. I encourage you to refer to them frequently, get advance notice of what is happening, follow the count down to the next church event, follow the link to Rich Simpson's blog which contains the sermon he preached here at HTC on August 18th also a link to the Bishop's blog also very interesting reading. Search Holy Trinity Southbridge or go to WWW.Holytrinitysouthbridge.org, for Facebook search Holytrinitysouthbridge and Like us!

Please note: for September there will be one service at 9:00 a.m. supply priest Rev. John Hooker on Sunday Sept. 1st and 8th, Morning Prayer lead by Mick Kalber on Sept. 15th and Rev Kathryn White on Sept. 29th. I'm still working on Sept 22nd! Look for information in the service bulletin and on the web page.

It may seem on the surface, that not much is happening and that nothing has changed at HTC since the beginning of the summer– but continue reading and you will find that in fact a lot is happening. Change is all around us – the summer is drawing to a close and fall is on its way – as we continue on our journey of transition, there will be more change – again we are not sure exactly what that will look like but we know with certainty, that through the Holy Spirit, God is guiding us, to his preferred and promised future for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus on Hamilton St. Southbridge.

If you have comments, concerns or questions please know that I am always available via email abrit-inusa@gmail.com or cell phone 774 200 4279.

With gratitude and blessings

Tamsin Lucey

Be the change you wish to see in the world. Mahatma Gandhi

**IN SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT
9:00 a.m.**

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHBRIDGE**



"All Can Do" Kripalu Yoga Class

"Kripalu" in Sanskrit means "compassion". This Kripalu Yoga class for beginners and those with some Yoga experience is gentle with options given to create more of a challenge for yourself when you are ready. Through asana (postures), movement, breathing techniques, and brief guided meditations, develop non-judgmental awareness, develop strength, and enhance your flexibility. Try it! Sessions are ongoing, and drop-ins are welcome!

\$50 for 6 classes or \$10 per drop-in

Next session: Wednesdays, 9am - 10:15, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, and 16

Sharon Palmer, M.Ed., Certified Kripalu Yoga Teacher and RYT-200
For more information or to register, please call Sharon at [\(413\) 245-3474](tel:4132453474) or email palmer00013@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13—Barbara Galli
22—Betty Hammond
27—Rose Reith
27—Frances Thompson
27 - Noni Linton
28—Bobbie Helbig

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

**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY,
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS
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TUESDAY OR THURSDAY.**

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY

At the end of August, **one** bag of food was dropped off at the Blessed John Paul II food pantry. There are times when I wonder if this ministry is something that parishioners feel we should continue or not. I very often, in fact all the time, ask God for signs – should I do this or do that. I have been asking lately if we should continue this ministry, providing food for the local food pantry, or concentrate our efforts elsewhere. Now I am again **asking this question**, but this time **to the parish**. Please let me know if we should continue to collect food for the food pantry. Of course, if there is food or not in the basket at the end of the month, that will also be an answer. Each month, we have the opportunity to come **together** each with a “loaf or fish” and collectively provide food that comprises a meal; protein, veg, starch, fruit, milk and juice. The salad recipes are posted on the board and will be at the back of the church on Sunday, September 8 through September 22. Please take one or two, bring the food, and place it in the basket before Sunday, September 29 when it will be blessed. If you have any questions please let me know.

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

With Love, Peace and Joy in our hearts and Service & Ministry on our minds.

Pat Bair, Marlene Duke, Josh Spooner and Tamsin Lucey.

Financial Summary as of July 31, 2013

Income: is right at budget after adjusting for a special donation to a flower fund. Current year pledge is underpaid by \$3,393, the figure is an average of overpaid, paid-up, and pledges in arrears and is offset by increase in plate income and paid up last years pledges. Rental income is down.

Expense: Many lines are under budget, some because they are seasonal or once a year and have not been expended yet. As reported before, the clergy and organist expense line excess is set aside in funds for the search committee, a fuel fund, and building reserve, and we have paid the upfront costs of selling the rectory.

I would point you to the statement of financial position to see how the large bank balance is divided up. The fuel funds stands at \$8,000, but we will buy a large quantity of oil soon, The search committee fund, minus some small distributions, will roll back into the general fund now that we have called Fr. Richard; and the building reserve fund will be lowered when we pay the \$6,835 bill for work done and not paid at the time of this report.

There is enough free cash in the checking account to pay for the budgeted lines as expenses come in.

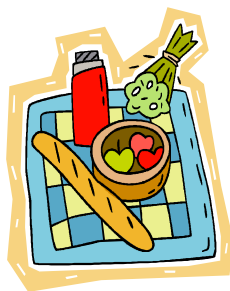
~Susan Howland, Treasurer

THE MISSION PLATE

This month of September our donations to mission will be going to Health Teams International! This is an organization my sister-in-law's husband, Gerry Roussie, volunteers for out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. In October, Gerry and a health team of twelve men and women from Canada and the USA will go to Cambodia for the second time. They hope to provide medical, dental, vision and spiritual care to 2000 patients! They will stay for two weeks and work with the Cambodians so that their work can continue after they leave. Gerry takes over prescription eyeglasses that are donated. Through his computer he is able to match the person's visual needs with what he has available. Believe me, this team has many GOD MOMENTS !

Please give as generously as you can for the next five Sundays. Only God knows what we and they can do together.

Suzy Sharp, Coordinator of Mission and Outreach
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CHURCH PICNIC

September 15, 2013

11:30 a.m.—Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran Church are planning a church picnic together. Please bring a picnic lunch for your family and to share. . Please join us for family fun and the breaking of bread together in the name of Christ with new friends in mission.

SAVE THE DATE



OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-1:30 p.m.



SOUTHBRIDGE COPS N KIDS EVENT

Saturday, September 7, starting at 12 noon, the Southbridge Police Department is sponsoring a family fun day at the Southbridge Airport. The Holy Trinity Family Worship team will be there too – children will have the opportunity to complete a VBS activity, play a game, and take home a keepsake from HTC as a reminder that God loves them.

Please come join the fun, support the Family Worship team, and connect with our neighbors and community. Questions see Lana, Eileen or Tamsin.

Partnering in Mission and Ministry

The leadership at both Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge has been meeting together since December 2012. We have been exploring ways to partner in mission, to share Christ's love with our neighbors. The Episcopal Church and the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) have been in communion together since January 2001 and are "Called to Common Mission". How does that translate to our parish – what does that mean to us? The picnic that is happening on September 15, 2013, 11:30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLC) in Sturbridge, is a step toward building relationship with our neighbors the Lutheran's. Come meet our neighbors as we get to know each other better. Please join us for family fun and the breaking of bread together in the name Christ with new friends in mission.

The ideas that have come as a result of our initial meetings have been about collaboration. When we were unsure of the availability of supply clergy for Christmas Eve services we were invited to BLC's services. In addition, when we had snow emergencies in the winter we were invited to BLC. BLC will be helping us with the coat closet and in turn we will be collecting clothing for their local clothing store ministry. There will also be opportunities in future to collaborate with youth and VBS. Please share other ways that come to mind that we can help each other partnering in mission and ministry.

Please see me if you have any questions or would like to help with planning this event.

Nancy Waugh, Jr. Warden

ALL INVITED TO AN "OPEN DOOR-NO TICKET" CONCERT

Sunday, September 15, 2013 @ 4pm

Spencer United Methodist Church

161 Main Street

Spencer, MA

HEIDI AND JOHN CERRIGIONE

Performing music of early America, the British Isles and Switzerland on Autoharp, Hammered and Mountain Dulcimer, Banjo, Guitar and Acoustic Bass.

Reception will follow the concert. There will be a Free-will Offering during the performance.



FAMILY WORSHIP NEWS

Family Worship is going strong here at HTC. This past month included two special services. The first was a Family Service on August 11, 2013, where we wrapped up our weeklong VBS camp. We processed into “big church” with special crosses and then sat with Father Richard for a children’s sermon about finding that special God song when you need it. The children made a musical offering of two of their favorite VBS songs and all were able to join in to make a joyful noise.

On August 25, 2013 we had a “Blessing of the Backpacks” service. Children of ALL ages (college included!) were invited to bring in their school bags to be blessed at the Holy Eucharist. While the congregation received their scripture and Gospel lessons, we had a lesson on “what’s in your backpack”- we shared that God is always with you, even at school and Our Lord is in your heart and in your backpack!

We will continue our Family Worship Service this fall. If you are new to Holy Trinity, here is how it works:

Service begins at 9 am (through September, please be advised this may change!). Families sit together in the sanctuary, or “big church” as we affectionately call it. After saying the Collect together, the priest dismisses families to the Parish Hall. We have our own kid friendly service that involves a Gospel lesson and activity. Using our own altar “children’s chapel” is included where we say our prayers, recite the Nicene Creed and confess our wrong-doings. Families are then received back into the sanctuary for the Holy Eucharist.

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please speak with Eileen DeMings.
(617-429-1798, eksullivan99@dpcv.org)

**Family Worship Dates:
September 8, and 22**

Grace, not guilt, guides our spiritually healthy lives of stewardship.

VBS THANK YOU!!

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

You made such a difference in the lives of the children and adults that attended VBS this year. Your support, your commitment, and your prayers allowed our team to minister the Word of our Lord to children ages 4-11. We sang, we danced, we laughed, we ran, and we prayed. There were tearful moments when a child shared sweet God moments, and joyful moments during fun games. The children and adults collected food for the Blessed John Paul II food pantry and built a castle together- with our older kids leading the way!

Through it all, we wrapped each child in the love of Christ. Our Youth Christian Formation team was able to rely on YOU, our parish, to support us in our dream to host VBS again this year. We will continue to dream big and STAND STRONG! Please know how much this ministry means to us, to our children and to the adults that shared a week with us. It was truly an all parish effort!

On behalf of the Christian Formation Team,
Eileen DeMings

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The Episcopal Diocese of Western
Massachusetts

The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

Save These Dates

Tuesday, in September—8:30 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, in September—9:00 a.m.—Yoga

Saturday, September 7—12:00 Noon — Cops N Kids Event

Sunday, September 8—9:00 a.m.—Family Worship

Monday, September 9—6:45 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, September 15—11:30 a.m.—Church Picnic with Bethlehem

Lutheran Church (@ BLC)

Monday, September 16—7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 18—3:45 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Sunday, September 22—9:00 a.m.—Family Worship

**PLEASE NOTICE THERE IS NO LONGER A BIBLE STUDY ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS.**