



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.*

VBS CELEBRATION COOKOUT

To celebrate the anticipated successful completion of VBS 2018, *Shipwrecked*, we are planning a cook out downstairs in the Undercroft and outside in HTC's backyard on **Sunday, August 12**, after the service. The main fare will be hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and water. We have some people who are planning on bringing a dish to share. If you would like to bring something – great! It is not necessary to contribute to join us, as your presence is the most important part!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church on July 29 should anyone wish to contribute.

Sign-ups To Date:

Diane Nichols: Watermelon
Lorraine Brumskine: Potato salad
Rose Reith: Green tossed salad
Cat /Nate Reith Lowery: Chips

Questions? Please contact either of the following coordinators:

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FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Crackers,
mayonnaise,
ketchup, mustard,
relish, toilet tissue,
soap, dish soap

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOUR CHANGES FOR AUGUST

The office will be closed the week of the 13th. For the week of the 20th, the office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday, and closed on Thursday, the 23rd.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 – Pheobe Reith-Lowery 11 – Joel Khattar 11 – Emilyynn Bousquet 11 – Linda Spooner
14 – Jared Burns 17 – Suzanne Sharp 17 – David Monroe 20 – Colleen DeMings 25 – Braden Bullard
28 – Fr. Richard Signore

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!

Holy Trinity's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

\$10/child
\$20/family
Scholarships
available!



Ages 5 and up
*under 4 with a
parent in attendance



AUGUST 6-10
9:00AM-12NOON
LUNCH INCLUDED!



Maximum of 40 children! Register soon!

WANTED

**STATION AND
CREW LEADERS
NEEDED! PLEASE
SEE EILEEN
DEMINGS!**

Join us for Family Worship in

Blakely Hall

August 5 & 19

When families come together to
worship with kids in mind.

VBS CELEBRATION SERVICE

AUGUST 12 @ 9:30 A.M.

Please join us following
worship for a cookout in the
backyard of the Church!

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 are located in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Footnotes from the Treasurer... June 2018

On June 30 we finished 1/2 of fiscal year 2018, and the budget is stable.

Some income lines are over budget and some under budget to give us a nearly balance income figure. Pledges are behind by about \$2,300 after adjusting for the expected unfulfilled pledges. We hope to see this caught up by the end of the year.

As for expenses, many lines are under budget except for the 5301 Church Repair/Maintenance and 5302 Church Capital Improvement that have some of last year's budgeted payments. Brian, our former sexton, has been volunteering to do some repair and maintenance projects, and the vestry decided to approve more money for supplies to accomplish the repairs; this will put line 5301 Church Repair/Maintenance over budget for 2018.

Please take a look at the statement of financial position for a complete story of the Holy Trinity funds.

The oil was dipped on June 6 and we have 5,474 gallons in the tank. We used 4,143 gal for the 2017-2018 heating season, which was 14.9 gal day and 350 gallons less than last year.

We received quotes a on a number of building repairs. The Vestry approved a quote from Cole Contracting for repointing the brick at the back of the church. This work will be done in September. We are also planning to approve a quote to replace the heating elements in the classroom wing. These units are 60 years old and are starting to leak. The new units will have child-proof covers should we have the opportunity to rent the space again.

Just a reminder that Holy Trinity has electronic giving opportunities

Holy Trinity has contracted with a company called Tithe.ly for online giving. You can visit the Holy Trinity website at www.HolyTrinitySouthbridge.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitysouthbridge/> at any time to donate. When you click the "DONATE" button, it takes you to our secure donation page with Tithe.ly. There are several fund options like: Pledge, Flowers, and Mission, etc., to make a one-time or recurring donation from your bank account, debit card or credit card. There is also an option to cover the small fee the church pays. You will receive an immediate email acknowledging your donation, and the donation will be included with your end-of-year giving report. Tithe.ly has an app for iPhone and Android which can be used to locate our giving page to donate from your phone.

The monthly financial reports are available on our website: holytrinitysouthbridge.org, are emailed with *Tidings*, and are available by request from the Parish Secretary, 508-765-9559 or holytrinitysouthbridge@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Susan Howland, Treasurer
July 18, 2018

MISSION PLATE

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This August the mission plate will collect for Southbridge Community Connections. This is an organization whose mission is "to establish a coalition among residents, service providers, local government, businesses and the faith community." They will host an event on the Southbridge Common this month, but report that they need socks and underwear of varying sizes. So that is how we will help--by making a monetary donation, so they can get the needed socks and underwear for our neighbors!

Suzy Sharp , 774-230-3426

AUGUST 12 VBS CELEBRATION SERVICE

The VBS kids will be performing for us at our

VBS Celebration Service
Sunday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m.

We hope you will join us in celebrating another successful year! Please bring your smiles, voices, and love as the kids warm your hearts with what they learned during our VBS week!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSOR FORM

Holy Trinity Church is once again offering the opportunity for children from our parish and the community to take part in **Vacation Bible School, August 6-10.**

This year's theme is:

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

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 child sponsorship is \$15.00

Please complete your name, the number of children you would like to sponsor or if you prefer the amount you would like to sponsor. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Church with "VBS sponsorship" in the memo. Cash should be enclosed in an envelope with this form. Drop in the collection plate or mail to the church: 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Thank you!

Name _____

of children sponsoring _____

Amount _____

Food Pantry Ministry August 2018

Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry. I hope that my challenge to you all on the 17th to donate jars of jam or jelly was fruitful ;-). Also, don't forget that we would still like to see parishioners take part by carrying items up to the altar during the offertory.

Meanwhile, during August we are looking for the following:

crackers mayonnaise ketchup mustard relish	toilet tissue soap dish soap
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Any and all varieties of the above are greatly appreciated, as are items from other months if you happen to see a good sale!

If anyone is interested in taking a bag to use the "Meal in a Bag" system we previously used as a reminder, I noticed that there are some bags still in the back of the church, and it certainly would be prudent to make use of those – particularly if they would be useful to you as a reminder to remember to purchase donations. I will be moving those nearer to the door and the basket for collecting our offerings.

Remember, it makes sense for us to donate the items that people are looking for that they would need to buy because the food bank cannot provide them. Here is the chart of those items:

January May September	February June October	March July November	April August December
Hamburger Helper Tuna Helper beef stew soup Spaghettios soup mix (like Lipton's chicken noodle) Ramen noodles	pancake mix maple syrup jelly cereal – what they get from the pantry is pretty generic like corn flakes and wheat chex, so more "fun" types are appreciated	powdered lemonade mix ice tea mix tea coffee toilet tissue soap dish soap	crackers mayonnaise ketchup mustard relish toilet tissue soap dish soap
Toilet tissue, soap and dish soap are on here twice because those are things that people need that none of the typical support systems provide. I will admit that I actually considered putting them on for each month – my guess is that they would never turn those down.			

Blessings, Rose Reith

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**The Episcopal Diocese of Western
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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, August 5—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Monday—Friday, August 6 to 10—9am-12Noon—VBS
Wednesday, August 8—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Sunday, August 12—9:30 a.m.—VBS Celebration Service
11:15 a.m.—VBS Celebration—Backyard
Wednesday, August 15—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King
Sunday, August 19—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service & Family Worship

VESTRY MINUTES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE WWW.HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE.ORG
/HOLY TRINITY NEWS/VESTRY NEWS



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