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Don't Forget!

- * Family Worship
March 10 & 24
- * Food pantry items:
powdered lemonade mix,
iced tea mix, tea, coffee,
spaghetti sauce, toilet
tissue, soap, dish soap
- * Sponsor Nicholas, our
sponsor child, for a month in
2019! The sign-up sheet is
on the back table of the
church.



Dear Friends,
Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, was present to lead a revival in Western MA and the echoes are still reverberating. He asked us to grow by walking in “the way of Love.” Jesus’ own way. Part of a new curriculum developed from this revival has a lesson called “Turn.” As in, ‘turn from your old ways’ and walk the way of Love. It is a needed reminder to which we can resort at any time and with good benefit. So, try this exercise: Sit in a quiet place. Try to remember a time when you were physically lost. Perhaps you were driving, or went to jog in a new unfamiliar area of town and suddenly –

fear and panic set in! How did you find your way back? Back ‘to yourself?’ Now ask yourself, “Did you ever change your mind? What did it take to change your mind? Were there lasting results?” Now try to remember a Lenten practice that has changed you. When have you been spiritually lost and yet God made a path to you? Or you to God? Try meditating about these ideas periodically through the season to see if you realize new hope for the Easter victory we await.

Lent is also the opportunity to draw close to God in prayer and silence; meditation on the words of Scripture -and - the Christ of God, the Living WORD contained therein; in the right use

of the sacraments and the growth of love of all people, which issues in the corporal acts of mercy and the desire for racial reconciliation. Lent was time when Jesus Christ journeyed toward His death in order to be faithful to the mission of God (reconciliation of all people to their God and to each other), learning to resist what drew Him away from His core task.

Lent remains as a season of preparation for us, also moving toward the joy of Easter victory! Learning more about the hope that is in us, through the work Jesus has done!

I remain, Your friend and Rector,
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore



Wednesday, March 6
12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Lenten materials will be available on the Narthex table on Sunday, March 10.

Mission and Outreach

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday is a special opportunity to live out the promises made in our Baptismal Covenant by demonstrating our commitment to care for people who are hungry, sick or living in extreme poverty. Our church will celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday for the whole month of March. We will collect offerings to support the Episcopal Church's

mission to heal a hurting world. Please give generously. Your offering will go to the agency's Global Needs fund, which enables the agency to reach people who are most in need worldwide. Please make checks payable to Episcopal Relief & Development and write "Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday" on the memo line.

Questions? Please contact Suzy Sharp at 774-230-3426.



Bible and Wine Bible Study

Bible & Wine Bible Study will take a break during Lent. We will continue again after Easter. We encourage you to take this opportunity to attend the Lenten Soup Suppers at the New Hope United Church of Christ. Please see page 4 for more information.

Childreach Sponsor Child for 2019

There are 2 months left to support Nicholas Onyango Okondo. The sponsorship is \$33.00 per month. A postcard will be mailed to you as a reminder that your donation is due. Please make sure you note "Sponsor Child" on your check. Thank you!

March Birthdays

- 1–John Grant
- 2–Susan Grant
- 7–Laura Gervais
- 9–Bridgette Bachand
- 9–Jack Burns
- 10–Benjamin Normandin
- 12–Abigail Bullard
- 13–Sof Kollios
- 31–Christopher Ballou

Alleluia Poster

Mardi Gras is the day we put our "Alleluias" away until Easter. This year at our Mardi Gras dinner we will do this physically! We will create an Alleluia banner: each person can write Alleluia or draw pictures on the banner throughout the evening. We will also sing songs with the word Alleluia in them. At the end of the evening we will roll the banner up and lock it away in a special chest.

The key to the chest will be baked into one of the cupcakes that will be served to the children who are present that evening. Whoever finds the key in their cupcake will become The Keeper of The Key and have a special duty.

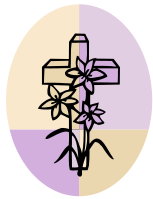
The chest will stay on the altar until Easter. On Easter morning The Keeper of the Key will come up on the altar with Fr. Richard

and will unlock the chest. They will unfurl the Alleluia banner in front of the congregation.

So come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and lots of Alleluias!

Lynn Garland





EASTER MEMORIALS

This Easter, you may wish to have a loved one remembered or to express special thanks to God for His blessings in your life. To do so, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Church office by **Sunday, April 14**. The donations collected for these memorials are used to purchase the flowers that decorate the sanctuary on Easter Day.

Exact wording of memorial will be:

Easter gifts for flowers are given to the Glory of God...

_____ in Thanksgiving for the life of _____

(Name of your loved one or ones)

OR

_____ in Loving Memory of _____

(Name of your loved one or ones)

OR

If this gift is in Thanksgiving of a person who is living, choose the following:

_____ in Thanksgiving for the Blessing of _____

(Name of person or blessing)

given by _____

[Your name(s) – please use exact wording you would like to have published. You may, for example, say something like “by his family” or “by her husband” followed by your name or you may simply use your name(s).]

Please return this information sheet, along with your donation, to the church office or drop it in the offering plate by **Sunday, April 14**. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will offset the cost of the flowers for decorating the church on Easter Day. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Church with the notation “Easter Flowers” on the memo line.

Do you know someone who would appreciate Easter flowers from the church? Please write their name and address here so arrangements can be made to bring them flowers: _____

(Shrove Tuesday) Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5

Food served 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
in the undercroft (downstairs) of the church.

Kids’ crafts available.

Please contact Tamsin Lucey (774-200-4279) if you are able to help.



Simple Soup Supper During Lent

Are you a flawed and faithful Disciple too?

The New Hope United Church of Christ has invited us to join in a wonderful Lenten Study based on the book *Simon Peter: a Flawed and Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton.

The New Hope United Church of Christ (housed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church) will host a Community Simple Soup Supper

each **THURSDAY** night, March 14 through April 11. Together we'll have fun spreading the good news that we are really all like Peter. **Fr. Richard will be leading the study on March 28 and HTC is responsible for the meal that evening.** A sign up sheet will be located on the back table of the church. We will need volunteers to bring soup, bread, and dessert. Additionally this year, there will be a service of prayer and song

(similar to Taize) at 6 pm! We'll sing simple chant-like songs while we pray. The same songs will be sung each week. It is a beautiful way to "get in the mood" as you leave your cares safely in God's hands. Please mark your calendar to join us for **SONG, SOUP, & STUDY each Thursday evening in Lent.**

Vigil Candle: The Light of the Presence!

The use of a Vigil Candle is an ancient practice that comes down to us from the Synagogue. The obvious function was to light the space in the Temple, but it also signifies the holiness of the Torah scrolls kept for the reading of the Law. In this regard one can easily see it also meant the light of truth, and the presence of the Living God who inhabits the Holy of Holies. In Christian tradition, the Vigil Candle burns to symbolize

the presence of Jesus in the Holy sanctuary, and it remains lit anytime the sacrament of the Body and the Blood are being held in reserve for the use of the sick, or others who may desire to receive communion in special circumstances.

A Vigil Candle dedication may be given as a memorial for the deceased or to burn as a special intention or prayer request. To

give a Vigil Candle dedication, one may sign the sheet provided in the back of the church or include the information on a slip of paper with your check and place it in the offering basket. There is no set donation amount—please donate an amount you are comfortable with.



Did You Know?

- Forgot your envelope? Give your pledge electronically through Tithely! Log on to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=83701> to sign up.
- If you give electronically, there is an Electronic Gift Blessing Card that you may put in the offering basket on Sundays so your gift may be blessed! These are located on the hooks in the pews.
- Someone in need of prayers? Write their name on the Prayers of the People sheet at the back of the church. There are prayer cards available to be sent to the person you are praying for. You are welcome to take it home to send, or complete and place in the offering basket for the church to mail.
- Have a change of address, phone number, or email address? Interested in a ministry? Need to speak with Fr. Richard? Please complete the Welcome Card located on the hook in the pews. These are not just for new members!

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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

Tuesday, March 5—5:30 p.m.—Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 6—12:00 Noon—Holy Eucharist &

Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist &

Imposition of Ashes

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

Wednesday, March 13—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Thursday, March 14—6:00 p.m.—Lenten Soup Supper—BLC

Sunday, March 17—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service

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

Thursday, March 21—6:00 p.m.—Lenten Soup Supper—BLC

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

Thursday, March 28—6:00 p.m.—Lenten Soup Supper—BLC



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