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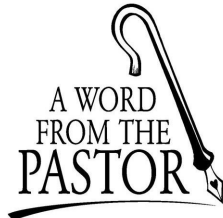
### Don't Forget!

- \* Food pantry items: Soups & stews, crackers, mayo, ketchup, mustard, relish, toilet tissue, soap, dish soap
- \* Bring in your soda cans and bottles and donate them to the Mission box in the Parish Hall!
- \* If you have a change in address, email, or phone number, please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew) and put it in the offering box for the secretary. Thanks!

# JANUARY TIDINGS

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January 2020



*"Thou wast born in  
secret, in a cave;  
But heaven hath told all  
[people] of thee.  
Choosing for its voice a  
star,  
Which hath guided the  
wise men to worship  
thee."  
Orthodox Vespers liturgy*

Dear Friends,  
What a patchwork of  
odd contradictions:  
Divinity shares mortal  
flesh, flesh becomes heir  
to immortality; cosmic  
authority becomes as a  
vulnerable child, and our  
vulnerability becomes  
the precondition of  
credible relationships

based in earned trust; as  
only a little child shall  
lead them. He made  
Creation, and is  
marginalized to the  
animal's stable; and in  
His Name, gifts are given  
all over the world. God  
is up to something, so  
watch out! Before you  
know it you are co-  
opted by Joy, Hope, and  
awed amazement, when  
just the day before it  
was merely a slice of  
winter's worst weather.  
What is God up to? All  
of human endeavor has  
been tasked to God's  
purpose: to proclaim  
this Saving Embrace;  
God in our midst, the  
healing of Creation and  
the restoration of the  
Holy Image in all women  
and men. In love were  
we made, and yet more  
wonderfully redeemed  
in the Holy birth. Make

someone glad this  
Christmas season, and see  
what God is up to!!

Every wonderful and  
blessed wish to each and  
all for a glorious  
Christmas, and Peace in  
the name of the child, the  
reigning King!!!

(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore



## Annual Report Deadline

If you contribute to the  
Annual Report, please  
know that this is the  
time to write your piece!  
It takes some time to  
compile, format, print

and collate this report.  
We would like to have it  
available for parishioners  
to review on January 19,  
therefore..... **All reports  
are due to Chris Bolte,**

**the Parish Secretary,  
BEFORE January 9.**  
Thank you.



## Winter Coat Closet

Thank you for the many generous donations of coats to help others in our community stay warm! We were able to help hundreds of people this season but have not yet totaled the numbers. **We will be opening on Saturday, January 4**, in case anyone is still in need. We have new children's coats available, as well as gently used coats for all.



## Winter Parking on Hamilton Street

From December 1 through April 1, Southbridge limits parking on Hamilton Street.

On EVEN dates: Midnight to 7pm, park on the ODD side of the street; 7pm to midnight park on the EVEN side of the street.

On ODD dates: Midnight to 7pm park on the EVEN side of the street; 7pm to midnight park on the ODD side of the street.

**\*\*Please note, HTC is on the EVEN side.**

## Treasurer's Report

As we approach the end of 2019 income is off primarily due to unfulfilled pledges, but expenses are also under budget. We may see some correction by year end, but the budget is not dramatically out of balance. The one expense line significantly over budget is the Church Capital expense, and we drew money from our building fund and reserves from prior years to pay these capital expenses. The December financial report will show more accurately the final 2019 budget vs. actual and statement of financial position. Many may have read in the vestry minutes that the vestry hired an architect to review our options for using the unused classroom wing. The architect met with the Southbridge Town Planner on our behalf, sent a final report, and we hope to have some forward movement on possible uses in 2020.

~Susan Howland, Treasurer

## Childreach Sponsor Child for 2020

The sign-up sheet has been placed on the back table of the church to help support Nicholas Onyango Okondo. Please consider supporting this important ministry by signing up to sponsor Nicholas

for a month (or two) in 2020. The sponsorship is **\$35.00 per month**. A postcard will be mailed to you as a reminder that your donation is due. Thank you! Please make sure you note "Sponsor Child" on your check.

## St. Luke's Guesthouse Needs

Flu season is here. St. Luke's is in desperate need of toilet paper, disinfectant cleaner, dish detergent, laundry detergent, & kitchen trash bags. Please consider donating.

Thank you!

~Daughters of the King

## Epiphany Potluck Supper "Festival of Kings"

### EPIPHANY POTLUCK SUPPER "Festival of Kings"

Including Family Eucharist, in the Parish Hall  
**JANUARY 6, 2020**

Friends and Families share supper, hymns, readings, and communion 'round the same table.

**5:30 p.m.—Gathering Music**

**6:00 p.m.—Service**

**6:30 p.m.—Potluck Supper**

Please bring a dish to share (main, side or dessert).

Beverages provided. This service and potluck supper celebrates the Eucharist in an informal, early Christian format. This invitation is open to parishioners,

their friends and family, and the community. Please join us at whatever time works for your schedule.



## Creation Care Corner

Lynn Garland and I recently attended a workshop about Communicating About Creation Care. One thing we learned was the importance of understanding “in” phrases; over the next few months I will be sharing some definitions. **Carbon Emissions** or

just **Emissions** refers to carbon dioxide being emitted into the air. Carbon dioxide is emitted when animals, humans included, exhale, or when a fuel is consumed as in a power station, car or truck. Trees, plants and oceans absorb carbon dioxide

and give off oxygen. This carbon cycle works well when it is in balance; when more carbon dioxide is being produced than absorbed, carbon dioxide gas builds up in the atmosphere.

~Submitted by Tamsin Lucey

## Music Notes from Anne

There will be no choir rehearsals after church in January. If anyone is interested in doing some special music please speak to me or email the office.

## ECW Book Discussion

“Things Seen and Unseen,” by Nora Gallagher. We will read the first two chapters, Advent and Christmas, followed by discussion and fellowship on January 15 (2pm) hosted at the home of Diane Nichols. See bulletin for info.

## Annual Meeting

All parishioners are invited to.....

### HTC'S ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

*snow date February 2*

**8:45 AM-9:15 AM**

Presentation of the 2020 budget, in the Parish Hall

**9:30 AM**

Eucharist Service incorporating the Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

**11:00 AM**

Conversation & coffee in the Parish Hall

*\*Printed annual meeting reports available by request*

## January Birthdays

3—Harry Theodoss

4—Roy Baum, Jr.



*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!*

## Souperbowl Soup Sale

Our annual Souperbowl Soup Sale will take place on Sunday, February 2, following the service. Please save the date and let Rose Reith know if you are able to make soup for the sale. More information to come.



## Sunday Service Inclement Weather Plan for 2020

Every Sunday in January, weather permitting, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Please know that if, due to inclement weather, it is deemed necessary to cancel the service or hold Morning Prayer instead, and the means to do so is in place,

an announcement will be posted on the Holy Trinity Web page, Facebook, and an all parish email sent out. Please consider the road conditions and parking availability when making your decision to attend the service. If you are in any doubt, please contact either

one of the following people:

Senior Warden John Grant  
860-923-9691 or  
860-576-2148

Junior Warden—  
Diane Nichols  
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Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\*unless otherwise noted\*

**The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
Massachusetts**

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**

**Saturday, January 4—9:00 a.m.**—Winter Coat Closet

**Monday, January 6—5:30 p.m.**—Epiphany Agape Supper

**Wednesday, January 8—7:00 p.m.**—Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday, January 15—2:00 p.m.**—ECW Book Discussion  
**6:30 p.m.**—Bible & Wine Study

**Sunday, January 19—9:30 a.m.**—Healing Service

**Sunday, January 26—8:45 a.m.**—Annual Meeting



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