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### May Birthdays

4—Aliana Bousquet  
12—Anne Bouvier-  
Monroe  
15—Sally Baum  
28—Mary Hicks



# MAY TIDINGS

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Dear friends!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!  
The Lord is Risen indeed.  
Alleluia!!

Keep shouting; and in the context of the liturgy we are moving from one "station to another" as the Holy Spirit reveals the depth of Christ's Love as Savior, Shepherd, Healer & Guide. It is a lovely walk through the dimensions of the life of God as Easter Season unfolds! The Emmaus Rd story; (the living Christ present in Word and Sacrament) Doubting Thomas; (the challenge of interiorizing an inner faith) the Risen Christ on the beach eating broiled fish; (the faith that God raises

from death) - and now Good Shepherd Sunday; (listening to the inner Christ) and as Christ Ascends to heaven; (He is filling the whole world with His presence). The Season turns on the Pentecost Festival; (the power of the Spirit to enable the Church to carry the face of Christ to the world, to be the face of Christ to the world)! This journey starts in a physical context of broken bread, broken bones; Eucharist tasting of Heaven; and ends with a New Covenant written on the Heart (Jeremiah 31:31) by the living Spirit.

So keep shouting!! Let this Risen Savior rejoice in your heart!! The theologian Alexander Schmemmann has observed: "For fifty days

after Easter it is granted to us to live in the paschal joy, to experience time as the feast. Then comes the "last and great day" of Pentecost and with it our return to the real time of this world. At Vespers that night, the Christians are required to kneel for the first time since Easter....." Don't go back to the world of struggle without first drinking deeply of the Living God while we are still held in resurrection Joy! Keep shouting,...and,...don't put away that bell yet!!!! Hail thee festival day!!

In the Joy of Christ for you all!!! I remain,  
Yours in Christ,  
(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore



**MAY 23, 2021**

**9:30 A.M.**

**WEAR RED!**

## Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the months of May and June will be going to "Trees, Water and People". Trees, Water, and People's mission is to improve lives by helping indigenous communities to protect, conserve and manage their natural resources.

T.W.P. work in the United States Tribal Lands, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to design conservation projects that improve the environment and human health, while creating economic opportunity for the local communities.

Their work includes developing programs to combat "energy poverty", provide "clean" cookstoves, reforestation programs, cleaner water and nutritious food production through sustainable family agriculture.

Energy poverty is defined as the lack of adequate modern energy for the basic needs of cooking, warmth, and lighting. This need for energy creates economic, environmental, human health and human rights issues, which leads to preventable illnesses and deplorable living conditions. T.W.P. work with indigenous communities to build and install renewable energy applications which include off-grid solar air furnaces and small wind turbines.

Developing community-based reforestation programs and food production programs, through sustainable family agriculture, has led to cleaner water, healthier soils and improved nutrition, and more self-sufficient communities.

Our church funding supports all these programs which develop sustainable self-sufficient communities for these indigenous people.

*Susan L. Grant, member of the Outreach and Missions Committee*

### Office Update

The office will be closed the week of May 17.

### Lawnmowing at HTC

We are in need of volunteers to mow the church lawn. The lawnmower and gas are provided by the church. If you would like to help, please contact the office. If we have enough volunteers, it should require no more than 4 mows per person. (May to Oct)

## Fight Hunger! Bloomin' For Good Program At Stop N Shop

We are so excited to share that Holy Trinity Church's Food Share Program has been selected to be a part of the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, created to fight the hunger crisis across the communities we serve. For the month of May, each time a \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with a red circle sticker is purchased at the Stop & Shop located in Sturbridge, \$1.00 will be donated to Holy Trinity Church's Food Share Program. This is a great way to raise awareness in the local community, fight hunger and raise donations for the organization. Flowers can brighten a room, spread a smile or make someone's day. Supporters can buy two, three or more bouquets throughout the month. The more bouquets sold, the more donations raised and the more people in need they can feed! Let's get started! We can begin by spreading the news to our friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media.



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## Adult Social Studies Class

This month our Social Studies group took a break from the "White Privilege" curriculum to talk about the recent conviction of Police Officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd. We shared the relief that so many felt with this outcome while also acknowledging that there continues to be a serious problem within the police force. One of our group members shared her personal experiences of unjustified police suspicion and aggression towards her locally, which brought the issue closer to home for us. We continue to find it helpful to be able to talk together and work to understand more about these complex issues. We pray that with God's help our society will find a way to come together and build a path to true racial reconciliation so we can live together peacefully.

**Our next meeting will be on May 19th at 7:00 via Zoom.** We will be discussing Section Three: How to be an Ally. If you would like to check it out, this link will take you to the website <http://privilege.uccpages.org>. We would love to have you join us.

Questions?

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## Musical Notes from Anne

It was so nice to see people in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 18. To be able to say hello to people we haven't seen in so long was heartwarming. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are with us as we slowly come back together as a church family. For safety reasons we are wearing masks, windows open, and social distancing. For the same safety reasons we will not be singing hymns or the service music. We will be using a cantor for the foreseeable future. We want to keep all children and unvaccinated safe from any possible exposure to the virus and the parents able to come and worship with us without worry.

My love of hymns has sustained me through my many years of playing the organ for church services. For many of you the hymns are part of your spiritual life. You are welcome to hum as the cantor sings the hymn. There will be a time when we will sing together again.

God Bless, Anne

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## Prayer List

If anyone is in need of prayers, email or contact anyone below from the Daughters of the King.

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## Liberia Project Update

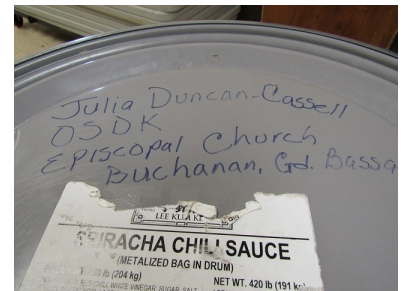
Alleluia, Praise the Lord!! We, the D.O.K., are elated, overjoyed and very thankful to everyone who contributed supplies and money for shipping costs to the Liberian Project. We have packed two very large barrels full of supplies that are now ready to be shipped off to Liberia. The barrels will be shipped out on Tuesday, April 27th.

This is an on-going ministry with our brothers and sisters of the S.D.O.K. (Sons and Daughters of the King) of the Episcopal Church in Liberia. There is serious poverty in the country and children are going without the basic needs of clothing, school supplies and toiletries such as shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, etc. We continue to need all these supplies and are especially seeking donations for younger children's clothing and toiletries.

Also, it is greatly appreciated if you can donate funds toward the costs of shipping. It enables us to provide these supplies to these children. Thank you for your active demonstration of Christian love. It has been a God sent.

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Grant, President of the Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King*





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\*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**

**Tuesdays—8:00 p.m.—**Service of Compline

**Thursdays—8:00 p.m.—**Zoom Fellowship Hour

**Wednesday, May 19—7:00 p.m.—**Adult Social  
Studies Group via Zoom



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