



NOVEMBER TIDINGS

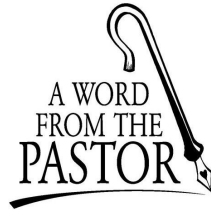
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The Crowning of the Year

Dear Friends,

Each year we witness the local farms conduct their harvest. The farm stands pop up all over town. Side products become plentiful, as apples are turned into apple pies, turnovers, pottage with ice cream. Corn is ground to meal, and adding molasses also delights in making a deliberately coarse "old New England" style porridge. Vegetables, squash, pumpkins, gourds—everything found in nature is showing the delightful designs of God.

For us, too, we, who are also 'found in nature,' are completing another year of growth in faith, and learning more deeply the way of holiness. God crowns the year with blessing, and we

are heir to a ripening of ourselves, learning to meet each new challenge with patience and renewed hope. And why not? Every day of life has drawn us into the embrace of God; and we learn to depend on the Love that sustains to harvest, and to eternity.

Have you ever thought that every time you pick up the Bible, or sum your concerns in the prayer you are offering, or attend a liturgy, or wait in the silence that echoes quietly the mirth and laughter of God. And so we are alike to the grain in the stalk. Bearing the fruit of Spiritual renewal, with the tap root in divine soil.

Change, too, sometimes makes us catch our breath and wonder "what's next?" Then we realize we are all just letting God crown the years with goodness; and we simply strengthen, grow, and become akin to the likeness of Jesus. Grow with God!!! Share simple blessings, and you find yourself blest! God knows, Life is the perfect thing to fill one's days.

May God continue to bless you richly and deeply!! I remain, yours in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

Stewardship

We hope that you are faithfully praying about your pledge to Holy Trinity for 2022. The in-gathering of pledge cards will be on November 14, 2021. Returning your pledge cards helps us know what budget we have to work in 2022. To continue our current level of ministry and operation we need \$86,495. Every pledge, in any amount, helps move us toward that goal.

The stewardship theme this year is “Every Perfect Gift.” We hope you have enjoyed the stewardship stories from the Diocese included in your bulletins and the stewardship talks given by parish members. We would like to thank Lynn Garland, Marie Smoker and Susan Grant for their stewardship talks in October.

Please check your mailboxes! Stewardship letters from Fr. Richard and Lynn Garland will be arriving soon, along with a pledge card. Help us have an abundant in-gathering on November 14, 2021! Either bring your pledge card that Sunday or mail it in before that date so it can be included on November 14.

Rather than our usual brunch following the in-gathering, we will do something different on December 5. We have two occasions for gratitude. One is for the way God multiplies our gifts of time, talent and treasure so we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street. The second is our deep gratitude for Fr. Richard’s ministry and many gifts he has shared with us over the past seven years. As he will be retiring at the end of December, it is important that we celebrate “Every Perfect Gift” that he had shared with us as we also celebrate “Every Perfect Gift” we bring to continue God’s work in our parish.

There will be more information to come about this celebration.

The Stewardship Team



6—Barbara Kalber
 8 – Paige Spooner
 8—Carolyn Wynkoop
 23—Lana Pieczynski
 23 – Josh Spooner
 25 - Eileen DeMings

Notes from the Treasurer/Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to review the financials. At the October meeting the Finance Committee prepares a budget for the following year. The preliminary budget helps us have a target for pledges during the stewardship campaign. The pledge goal for 2022 is \$86,495. The goal is to present a balanced budget at the Annual Meeting. The budget will be continually tweaked as we receive more accurate information as the year’s end approaches. The draft budget will be included with the December and January Tidings. The committee would welcome any additional information or suggestions that might be helpful in finalizing the 2022 budget. If you would like an advance copy of the proposed budget, please contact Nancy Waugh at richfield121@charter.net.

UTO

United Thank Offering

The COVID 19 pandemic has impacted the United Thank Offering in many ways, but even with the pandemic disruption we can still focus on gratitude. We will not have a single ingathering this year but you can bring (mail) your UTO offering anytime between now and November 22nd . (Count up your coins and put a bill or check in a UTO envelope available at the back of the church or in the pews; then you can “recycle” your UTO Box.)



- In 2020 Holy Trinity’s United Thank Offering was \$582.06.
- In 2020 the UTO Board quickly adapted to the pandemic offering grant opportunities for ministries impacted or started in response to COVID.
- In 2020 a \$36,948 UTO Grant was awarded in our Diocese for the Big Blue Drop-In Center at the Cathedral in Springfield. Watch an interesting video about the ministry:
<https://youtu.be/t3xMTWf6Gss>

Thanks to all who practice gratitude using a UTO box and sharing the “fruits” for grants all over the world.

This year my offering is in thanksgiving for the life of Diane Nichols whose dedication to UTO was

New Yard Decorating Committee

Come one, come all including parents with children interested in a little gardening and decorating. I would like to get together a group of people interested in " SPRUCING UP" the front yard of the church. This includes planting seasonal flowers and decorating for the seasons and holidays. Hopefully, we can put some corn stalks, pumpkins, and fall flowers in place before Thanksgiving. If interested, please call me at (860) 923-9691 or email me at sgrant4810@gmail.com.

Thank you, Susan Grant

Update from D.O.K

The Daughters of the King have recently packed two more large barrels and a plastic tub which will be shipped off to Liberia within a couple of weeks. Since it takes approximately six weeks for the barrels to arrive in Liberia, we have been told that they will be arriving there by Christmas. What a wonderful way to show our caring and love in action during the most Blessed time of the year. I sincerely thank everyone who has prayed with us, sent supplies and funded the shipping costs to make this possible for the children and families of Liberia.

Sincerely,

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

Mission Plate for November & December

The Mission Plate funds for the months of November and December will be going to "The Episcopal Church in Navajoland." The Episcopal Church began its relationship with the Navajo Nation in the mid 1800's with the establishment of medical missions in Arizona and New Mexico. These missions were among the first hospitals to be located within the Navajo Nation.

Today, the Episcopal Church in Navajoland (ECN) comprises three regions within the states of Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. The Navajo call themselves "The Dine" or "The People." They are one of the largest Native American Indian tribes in the United States.

There are high rates of poverty, unemployment, and underemployment in the Navajo Nation. Poverty and intergenerational trauma have led to high rates of addiction and suicide within the Navajo People. There is much sickness, job loss and family members succumbing to Covid. Life on the reservation is often surrounded by food insecurity.

The purpose of the mission with the Episcopal Church in Navajoland is to aid and partner with the Navajo people themselves to facilitate healing and support spiritual development and to build sustainable strategies for economic development. ECN works to respond to the needs in the community through loving service and programs which safeguard the integrity of creation and the homelands of the Navajo. It supports the spiritual development of Navajo Christians while also honoring Navajo customs and traditions.

Funds and donations received by ECN are used to support various programs that supply needed food, clothing, and household items such as: winter coats, toiletries, beds and blankets, as well as P.P.E. items such as masks and hand sanitizers, etc. In addition, ECN provides critically needed mental health services for addiction and suicide prevention programs. Also, ECN works within communities to build and repair houses, install rainwater catchment tanks to provide clean and safe drinking water and to purchase and install heating stoves. The majority of Navajo homes burn wood for heating, but not necessarily in wood stoves. Many people cannot afford real stoves and instead use sawed-off water barrels or other metal containers. This practice is very often dangerous leading to home fires. Currently, ECN is building a new Wellness Center and hospital in Utah.

The Episcopal Church in Navajoland is currently working with the Navajo People in creating several various sustainable strategies and programs for economic development. ECN is developing projects which are both eco-friendly and provide self-sufficiency and income to the Navajo People. These projects include the "Blue Corn and Bee and Honey" project and a hand soap making project. For these projects bees and hives were purchased, which produced 100 pounds of honey in the first few months and pollinated the blue corn, squash and other plants and herbs. These plants were not only used for food but the herbs were also used to make various healing soaps. These soaps are sold to provide a source of income and self-sufficiency for the Navajo People.

The People of the Navajo Nation, "The Dine", are amongst the poorest Americans, living without adequate food, clothing, drinking water, plumbing and heat. Please, give from your heart and give all that you can!

Sincerely, Susan L. Grant Member of the Outreach and Mission Committee

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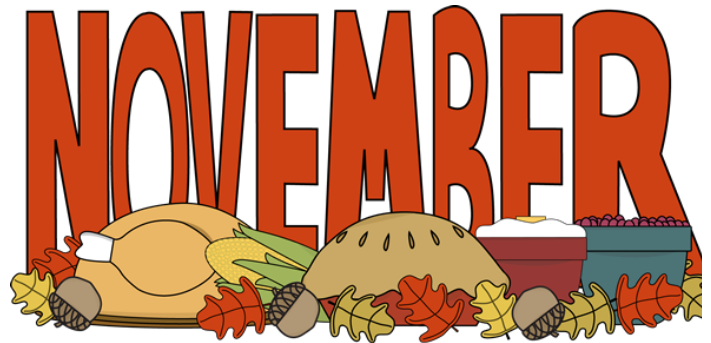
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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore**



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