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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

*O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.*

[Psalm 16:5]

We are now in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which ends on November 20th. "Ordinary time" translates the Latin term *tempus per annum* (literally "time through the year"). The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green – the color of life and hope. On the Sundays in Ordinary Time we hear about Jesus' ministry—stories about miracles, hopes fulfilled, and unexpected lessons learned. We witness in Scripture and prayer the working of the Holy Spirit in ways both subtle and surprising. We watch and listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit in our own hearts and minds.

Between the pandemic and legislative responses to recent Supreme Court decisions, I think many of us forget what an "ordinary day" feels like. Our lives have been changed forever, and we are understandably bewildered. Through our faith and our relationships, we will live into this bewilderment, trusting that we will find our way in a world we don't quite recognize any more.

May we continue to be surprised by the

the path to which God has called us, and may we continue to venture beyond the predictable.

I love this meditation on ordinary time by one of my favorite poets, Enuma Okoro:

From "Passing Ordinary Time":

*This ordinary time is
gifted in its quiet, marked passing
Christ slips about
calling and baptizing,
sending and affirming,
pouring his Spirit like water
into broken cisterns,
sealing cracks and filtering our senses,
that we may savor the foolish
simplicity of his grace.*

-in *At the Still Point*, ed. Sarah Arthur
[Paraclete Press, 2012, p.25]

May we share "the foolish simplicity" of God's grace as we help each other prepare for *the new thing* that God is doing in the Life we share.

- Mother Judith

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now
it springs up; do you not perceive
it? I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*
[Isaiah 43:19]

July Birthdays

- 1—Sam Pieczynski
- 2—Peter Lucey
- 15—Paul Aloia
- 29—Norma Kennedy
- 29—Ryan Bousquet





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Holy Trinity Church

Mutual Ministry Covenant

The following list of the responsibilities of the Priest-in-Charge, Vestry, and Congregation is designed to clarify expectations and to be the basis for effective communication so that we will continue to grow in our faith and mission, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Responsibilities of the Priest-in-Charge

The Priest-in-Charge is responsible for pastoral oversight of the congregation, collaborating with the Wardens and Vestry in planning worship, faith formation, administration, and communication.

1. Lead the liturgy and administer the sacraments.
2. Work with the lay leadership to identify the needs of the parish and coordinate with the Faith Formation Steering Committee to offer Christian formation programs for all ages
3. Meet regularly with the members of lay ministries and collaborate with the Vestry to conduct an annual Mutual Ministry Review.
4. Collaborate with the lay leadership in developing ministries in Worship, Faith Formation, Pastoral Care/Fellowship, and Outreach/Community Partnerships
5. Participate in parish and diocesan events as feasible.
6. Develop ecumenical partnerships for shared worship and mission.
7. Oversee the administration of the parish and delegate responsibilities as appropriate in collaboration with the Wardens
8. Oversee staff, in collaboration with the Wardens and the Chair of the Building Committee
9. Oversee the compilation, proofreading, and distribution of Tidings in collaboration with the Parish Administrator and lay ministers
10. Oversee weekly Announcements in collaboration with the Parish Administrator and lay ministers
11. Collaborate with the Wardens in arranging for liturgical and pastoral care during vacation time

12. Collaborate with the Executive Committee to prepare the Agenda for Vestry and parish meetings
13. Model good self-care by managing work hours, private time and family time.
14. Model servant leadership and community building.

Responsibilities of the Wardens and Vestry

The Wardens and Vestry are responsible for collaborating with the Priest-in-Charge to monitor the pulse of the congregation, develop inclusive ministries, and explore new ways to engage with the community.

- Coordinate responses to incoming emails regarding non-clergy matters
 - Postings on the parish website, HTC Facebook pages, and other platforms
 - Decide when all-parish emails will be sent and what information will be included
 - Decide when MailChimp notices will be sent and what information will be included
3. Collaborate with the Priest-in-Charge to determine priorities for planning future ministries
 4. Be models of the hospitality of Christ by welcoming all.

Responsibilities of the Members of the Congregation

The members of the congregation are responsible for sharing in the stewardship of the building and ministries, participating in ministries according to their gifts, and communicating clearly with the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry.

1. Contribute time, treasure, and talent to the mission of Holy Trinity
2. Participate in parish life and events
3. Share in maintenance of the building and grounds

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]



NEW: Praying Hands Ministry

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

Our Praying Hands Ministry makes prayer shawls and lap blankets for anyone in need of prayer and comfort. We use the creation of a shawl (or blanket) to focus our prayer as we pray for others with our hands.

On July 17th Mother Judith will bless new prayer shawls and we will offer our first workshop on crocheting and knitting during coffee hour. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, please feel free to join us. Some basic materials, patterns and prayer ideas will be shared.

If you already knit or crochet and want to get started, you can create a rectangular shawl in any knit/crochet pattern that is approximately 20" X 54" (a lap blanket is 26" X 34" minimum, but it can be a little larger). Or, a triangular shawl that is approximately 50" along the top neck edge and 25" from center neck to the triangle point. Any soft yarn will work; bulky yarn works up quickly.

Don't knit or crochet, but wish to contribute? Donate 3- 4 oz. skeins of washable, bulky yarn.

There is a basket with blessed prayer shawls at the back of the church. Shawls can be taken for anyone in need of prayer, love, and comfort. A card is attached to write in the person's name.



Cooking For Life.

A ministry of Holy Trinity in Partnership with St Luke's Guesthouse in Southbridge.

The first classes of Cooking for Life – have HAPPENED! We are off to a great start. Participants were able to choose their own recipe, make it from scratch with supervision and learn how to adapt the recipe for available ingredients and different meals. One participant chose eggs, so we made easy pan omelets (which

were eaten as part of lunch), Cheese Dreams (ham and cheese in a French toast sandwich), and a breakfast casserole that could be eaten for lunch or supper with an easy switch to make it a dessert by adding fruit instead of meat, cheese and vegetables.

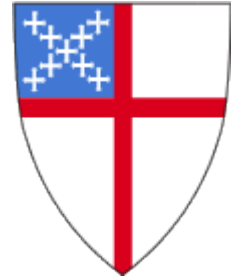
If you would like to support this new ministry by volunteering to be a chaperone for the class please know that the schedule is deliberately loose to accommodate the participants who work nontraditional hours. If you would like to help and you have the flexibility to volunteer with one week's notice, please get in touch with me. Call or text me at 774 200 4279 or email abritinusa@gmail.com.

With every best wish and blessings
Tamsin Lucey

Vestry Highlights: June 8 2022

Resolved

- ✓ Approved a Covenant Agreement for the Clergy, Vestry, and Congregation.
(copies are available in the back of the church)
- ✓ Approved a Licensing Agreement to rent a room to Jessica Cahill to be a home office
- ✓ Approved funds for repairing the Fire Escape so that it will meet building code
- ✓ Approved a new organizational plan for hosting Coffee Hour
- ✓ Approved a new ministry: *Praying Hands*



Covenant Agreement

This Covenant Agreement is included in this issue of Tidings and is posted on our website. It replaces the Covenant signed in 2014, and it delineates the different responsibilities of the Priest-in-Charge, the Wardens & Vestry, and the Congregation so that communication will be clear. The Priest-in-Charge is responsible for *pastoral oversight* of the congregation, including liturgy, sacraments, formation, administration and staff. The Wardens and Vestry are responsible for the *governance* of the congregation, including finances, building management, communication and planning. Members of the congregation are responsible for *sharing* their time, treasure, and talent for the ministry of Holy Trinity, and to share in programming, building maintenance, and worship. The Covenant Agreement emphasizes the *collaborative* relationship between the clergy, lay leaders, and members of the congregation.

Licensing Agreement for Office Space

We have begun a new practice at Holy Trinity that may lead to a new way to help finance our building maintenance as well as support our neighbors. Beginning on July 1st we will lease office space to Jessica Cahill, who lives just two buildings away on Hamilton Street.

Repairing the Fire Escape

The fire escape off the parish hall did not pass the safety inspection this year. Repairing it is a major expense, requiring a basic rebuilding of the structure and refastening it to the building. The work will include: providing a cement pad for bottom of the stairs, welding side rails that are currently loose, securing support legs to existing concrete pads, reattaching all loose & unattached support brackets, at the same time leveling the turn landing, which is currently sloping towards the building because the 3 of the 4 support brackets have rusted away; the project includes power washing, wire brushing, and painting the structure with anti-rust and black oil gloss paint.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

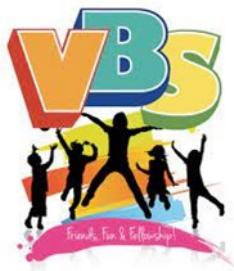
MISSION PLATE for July and August: St. Luke's Guesthouse

We are all familiar with the help and hospitality that is provided at St. Luke's Guesthouse. But we all are impacted by rising costs of food, housing, and gas! They too face these issues in maintaining the guesthouse for those who are homeless. We may feel stretched at times, but many of us are very blessed.

St. Luke's depends on donations, and we have supported their work all along.

Please, let us now pull together to help support the staff and guests with their goals of providing temporary housing, meals to nourish, and projects that promote self-sufficiency. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we offer our prayers and offerings for St. Luke's Guesthouse during July and August.

Suzanne Sharp, and the members of Daughters of the King.



VBS AT Holy Trinity

August 15 through 18

5:00—7:30 pm

VBS Sunday: August 21st

Family Worship Sundays: 2022

July 17	Blessing Prayer Shawls & Praying Hands Workshop
August 29	Backpack Blessings
September 18	Canon Richard Simpson will be our guest preacher
October 2	St. Francis Day and the Blessing of Animals
November 6	All Saints Sunday
December 4	St. Nicholas Celebration & Second Sunday of Advent

Adult Spiritual Formation

We are beginning 3 separate spiritual formation programs for adults. You may decide to participate in 1 or all of them. Watch for more information about each one.

HTC Book Group: A Private Facebook Group & monthly discussion beginning in July

We will offer a different book each month, and participants will be able to share reflections on Facebook (facilitated by Mother Judith and Rose Reith) and/ or to join an in-person discussion at the church on the 4th Wednesday of each month facilitated by Lynn Garland.

Practicing our Faith: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices

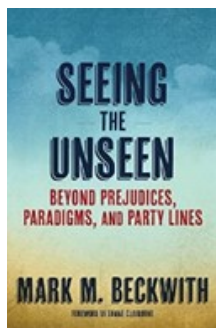
We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, beginning on July 7th, taking a break during December and ending just before Easter. We will alternate between meeting in person and on Zoom

The curriculum can be downloaded for free from www.forwardmovement.org. An accompanying book is recommended but not required: *Walk in Love*, by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe is available on Amazon and other booksellers. The only required text is the Book of Common Prayer. Copies are available in the Parish Hall

Bible Study: Creation Care Bible Challenge: September & October

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7pm We will join with Bethlehem Lutheran for this Bible Study to coincide with our observance of Creation Season during September. We will follow the readings and reflection in *Creation Care Bible Challenge* (Forward Movement, 2021).

Faith Formation Steering Committee: Eileen Demings (Chair), Heather Bousquet, Lorraine Brumskine, John Grant, Susan Grant, Cat Reith-Lowery, Rose Reith, and Robin Yates



Seeing the Unseen, by Mark M. Beckwith [Morehouse Publishing, 2022]

In-person discussion: Wednesday July 27th 7-8 pm

The former Bishop of New Jersey and currently Missioner for Spirituality and Leadership in our diocese, The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith has a gift for integrating spiritual reflection with practical action. His book offers stories from his own ministry to show the many different ways in which he himself learned to “see the unseen.” *Instead of dismissing those whose views and experiences are different from our own, he argues that we must look directly at them and see the goodness that is inherent in all things.*”

BABY SHOWER: JULY 31, 2022 During Coffee Hour



Robert Ikey has been dropping into Holy Trinity church for the last 20 years. Many parishioners know of him even if they have not spoken to him. He and his long-time girlfriend Melinda expect their first baby (a girl) in September 2022.

The Vestry has approved a plan to support Robert and Melinda by hosting a Baby Shower for them. This will happen in conjunction with Coffee Hour on Sunday July 31st starting right after the morning service at about 10:50 am. Please plan to join us that Sunday and celebrate a new baby in our midst.

A Baby Wish list is being compiled and will be emailed during the first week in July to those on the emailing list; a hard copy will be made available for those who prefer that format. PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS AT ALL. If you prefer to contribute by making a cash donation please do so to Holy Trinity Church - make a note that the donation is for Robert's Baby Shower. Funds collected will be used to purchase items from the Baby Wish List. If you have any questions - please contact Tamsin Lucey 774 200 4279.

Fundraising for Ukraine

WE are Truly Blessed: Thank You for embracing this call to Stand with and Support Ukraine.



As you may remember, at the end of March, Lynn Garland and I delivered 575 lbs. – 35 boxes of Over-the-Counter Medical Supplies which were shipped to L'viv in western Ukraine. Yes – we did that... However, I underestimated by \$230 the amount that was needed for shipping – Holy Trinity Church kindly fronted all the shipping costs (\$500) – anyone who would like to help offset that shortage may make a donation to Holy Trinity noting Ukraine Shipping – Thank you very much.

Cans and Bottle funds collected in April and May totaled **\$442.65**. Monies were sent to Episcopal and Relief Development for Ukraine at the beginning on June.

Homemade Lemonade sales during the Summer – I have been selling – for a donation - the very best homemade lemonade – as first made by our very own VBS team many years ago – since Farmers Market season began on June 1. So far I have collected well over \$200 – this money and any more collected through the end of August will be sent to World Central Kitchen, which is currently providing thousands of meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) every day to Ukrainians in Ukraine and refugees in surrounding countries. Please get in touch with me if you would like some Lemonade – it's available most Sundays in a quart container to take home.

774 200 4279 or email abritinusa@gmail.com

With every best wish and blessings,

Tamsin Lucey, Mother-in-law to a Ukrainian living in Boston.

Welcome to Jessica Cahill—Our new tenant

I am delighted to share the news that our neighbor Jessica Cahill will rent the room next to the Dirlan Room in the classroom wing of our building to be her Home Office beginning on July 1st. She will use her office Monday through Friday, between 7am and 7 pm, providing her own furniture and office equipment. This will not impact our use of the classroom wing or undercroft for Family Worship or any other parish activities.

Jess is a Program Manager for national accounts at Waste Management. She grew up in Southbridge and is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and of Western New England University, where she majored in International Business and Finance. She began working remotely during the pandemic, and because her business building has since been moved she will continue to work remotely, with her home office now located at Holy Trinity.

When she is not working, Jess enjoys gardening, hiking, and caring for her 5 dogs, including her new puppy, a cockapoo named Gracie. She and her boyfriend have also started their own business, TopNotch Carpentry, which will specialize in decks and in building restoration.

Many thanks to Tamsin Lucey and Susan Howland for their work in preparing the Licensing Agreement, to John Grant for setting up the Wi Fi in the classroom wing and to Greg Nikolla for cleaning and preparing the room.

summer Sundays

During the summer we will incorporate prayers from the Celtic tradition into our liturgies, and our readings will include only Hebrew Scripture, the Psalm, and the Gospel

July 3rd	4 th of July Weekend: Prayers for our nation
July 10th	5 th Sunday after Pentecost: Anne is on vacation: Parish musicians lead the music Reflections on our ministry with Liberia by Gracienne Riche, sister of Lorraine Brumskine who lives in Liberia and is affiliated with the Episcopal Church that receives our shipments
July 17th	6 th Sunday after Pentecost: Family Worship: Youth lead the service; Anne is on vacation; parish musicians lead the music Blessing of Prayer Shawls; <i>Praying Hands</i> workshop during Coffee Hour
July 24th	7 th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31st	8 th Sunday after Pentecost: A Service for Peace Baby Shower for Robert Ikey and Melinda during Coffee Hour
August 7th	Feast of the Transfiguration (transferred); Anne is on vacation: parish musicians lead the music
August 14th	10 th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21st	11 th Sunday after Pentecost VBS Sunday
August 28th	12 th Sunday after Pentecost: Family Worship: Youth lead the service; Blessing of Backpacks
September 4th	13 th Sunday after Pentecost Labor Day Weekend: The beginning of Creation Season

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Sunday Service

9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Judith Lee



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