

# SEPTEMBER TIDINGS

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## Season of Creation

An Ecumenical Celebration

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### A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

*Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river, and mother earth.* —Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 9

September 1<sup>st</sup> is World Day of Prayer for Creation Care, and in our readings and prayers on the Sundays in September we will join other faith communities throughout the world in observing the Season of Creation, which will culminate on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Blessing of the Animals. Plan to bring your pets to Holy Trinity for a blessing on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also remember pets who are no longer with us.

During this time it is good to remember that we are *woven together in the love of God*, and that we share our *wonderful pilgrimage* through this Earth with companions we may or may not recognize. Our ministries reverberate in ways we cannot know or understand, but at the same time they are just small elements in the divine *weaving* that is our universe.

The beginning of the program year is usually a time of excitement and renewal. I hope the prayers and reflections during this Creation Season will provide a place of calm and hope as all our families navigate uncharted land with our children returning to school. Let us pray for the grace to feel ourselves woven into the love of God:

*Lord, use us to heal broken systems.  
Equip us with wisdom and foresight.  
May our lives interrupt injustice with your grace. Amen.*

-from *Common Prayer*  
Judith+



## Vestry Highlights—August 10, 2022

### Resolved

Confirmed approval of Josh Spooner's application to be licensed as a Worship Leader  
 Approved Employment Agreement for Anne Bouvier-Monroe  
 Approved Volunteer Position Description: Communications Coordinator  
 Approved Volunteer Position Description: Technical Support Officer  
 Approved Jean Frost's application for Loving the Questions Discernment Group  
 Approved Lorraine Brumskine's Nomination to the Vocational Diaconate

### Discussion

Reviewed 2022 Goals  
 What have we done well? Flexibility in planning  
 What could we have done better: more realistic in planning



## Let's get together!

Suzy Sharp invites us to an open house

When Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm

Where: 99 Leadmine Road, Sturbridge MA 01566

Come for a few minutes or for two hours.

Bring a small serving of finger food to share

Drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided

Family and friends are welcome.

Parking is limited, so carpool if you can.

**In case of rain, we will postpone;  
 notice will be given that morning.**

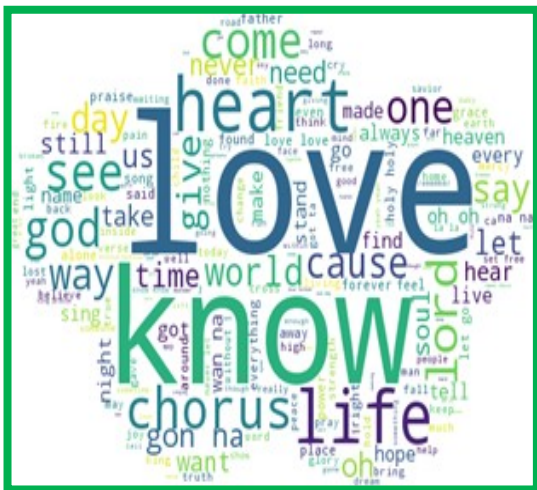
### September Birthdays

4 – Bart Krug

13—Barbara Galli

27—Rose Reith





# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## **NEW!! Bible Study: Creation Care Bible Challenge: September & October**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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). Copies of the book are available in the Parish Hall for participants. We will meet at Holy Trinity on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and at Bethlehem Lutheran on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the details of the schedule

## **HTC Book Group: A Private Facebook Group & monthly discussion**

**September: *The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World*** by Laura Imai Messina [Overlook Press, 2021]. This novel is available as an audiobook.

**In-person discussion: Wednesday September 28th 7-8 pm**

The international bestselling novel, sold in 21 countries, was inspired by a real phone booth in Japan with its disconnected “wind” phone, a place of pilgrimage and solace since the 2011 tsunami. Known as the “Wind Phone,” the disconnected rotary telephone allows grieving family members to speak, in a way, to loved ones who have passed on. The novel is an eloquent meditation on loss, grief, and the mystery of living through death.

## **Practicing our Faith: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices**

We meet on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7-8:30pm**, taking a break during December and concluding just before Easter, 2023. The curriculum can be downloaded for free from [www.forwardmovement.org](http://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. Copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available for participants, and everyone is welcome to any meeting, even if you are not able to attend regularly. The class outlines that are sent in preparation for each discussion are designed to guide individual study.

### ***Faith Formation Steering Committee:***

Eileen DeMings (Chair), Heather Bousquet, Lorraine Brumskine, John Grant,  
Susan Grant, Cat Reith-Lowery, Rose Reith and Robin Yates

## Mission Plate for September & October

The mission plate during September and October will go toward helping the ministries in the Episcopal Church in Navajo Nation . This ministry is comprised of three regions, and each region has three churches. The Southeast Region is an area that I hope to visit in the future as it has churches in Arizona and New Mexico. It is a very dry area, and I can only imagine how difficult it is during this time of extreme drought.

Families depend upon water (for drinking, washing, watering animals and gardens) delivered to their homes by 500-gallon trucks. Fresh vegetables are provided by the Plantar Box Ministry during the summer. And now the children will be back in school needing school supplies and backpacks!

Please offer up your donation as you approach the altar rail for holy communion.  
The families of Navajo Nation greatly appreciate our gifts and prayers.

**"A'he'hee" means thank you!**

## Praying Hands Ministry

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.

- In June we re-dedicated 5 prayers shawls, and 4 were given out.
- On July 17th Mother Judith blessed 6 new prayer shawls and all have now been given out.
- A workshop on crocheting and knitting during coffee hour will be held at a date TBD.
- If you knit or crochet I am happy to give patters and suggestions.



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WE are Truly Blessed:

I am totally amazed by the generosity of parishioners and The Bread Box customers – the donations for lemonade this summer have been awesome. The total so far is \$812.96. I will continue to make lemonade available through September 17 after which this fundraiser will wrap up with all funds going to World Central Kitchen for Ukraine.

We hope to have Local Apple Cider (Cook's Orchard, Brimfield) available for Sunday September 18... through mid-December. Funds raised will go to Ukraine.... More details to follow.....

We still have a shortfall of \$174.17, on the shipping of the Medical Supplies that we sent to L'viv in April. Anyone wishing to help offset that should make a donation to Holy Trinity noting Ukraine Shipping – Thank you very much.

774 200 4279 or email [abritinusa@gmail.com](mailto:abritinusa@gmail.com)  
With every best wish and blessings

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



# Family Worship

## Worship

Our Family Worship Sundays for the fall will be:

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** Canon Rich Simpson will be our preacher

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Blessing of the Animals

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** All Saints Day

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** First Sunday of Advent

## Learning

**Ages 4-9 and 10-12** – We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month for Children's Chapel at 9:15 am, and then we will break into 2 groups for discussion and an activity

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:** **October 16, November 20, December 18** (Christmas Pageant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays:** We will have packets with activities that children can complete during the service or at home. These will be sent electronically on Thursdays and will be available as hard copies on Sunday at the church.

**Teens:** All teens are welcome to take part in fellowship and service projects even if they are not planning to be confirmed

**Confirmation Class** [The bishop's visitation will be May 14, 2023]

**Curriculum:** *I Will, with God's Help*

**Fall Schedule:** **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup>** after the service

We will meet for 30-40 minutes, have a special snack and learn about the Episcopal Church.

**January & February:** Students will meet with their confirmation mentors on a flexible schedule to talk about specific faith topics. During this time, we may do a group service project and each person can do some of the other projects for confirmation on their own schedule

**March & April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the service, we will meet for 30-40 minutes to learn about Scripture and Christian traditions of prayer, worship, and service.

On a date TBA we will meet for an evening and a day-long retreat, perhaps an overnight, to learn about scripture and spiritual practices. (This is modelled after the retreat we have had for those who are receiving Instructed Holy Communion for the first time.)

## Fellowship

**Family Friday Nights:** **September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 pm – 8pm**

We'll gather in the Undercroft for a meal and fellowship.

On **September 30<sup>th</sup>** we'll have small groups after dinner—maybe a movie, a craft, or a board game and the Confirmation class will plan their service projects for the year.

On **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** we'll begin plans for the Christmas Pageant

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**Sundays in September: Creation Season**

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Creation Season

Prayers for Healing

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Creation Season

Memorial prayers for September 11, 2001

**4-6 pm** Parish Open House hosted by Suzy Sharp

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Creation Season:

Family Worship

Canon Rich Simpson - Guest Preacher

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Creation Season:

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Last Sunday of Creation Season

Family Worship:

Prayers for Healing

Blessing of the Animals

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - Family Friday Night 5:30-8**



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