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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

Lord, you have given me so much; I ask for one more thing – a grateful heart.

George Herbert

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As we begin the month of Thanksgiving, I discovered this prayer by Catherine Cooper. In our public discourse, this is a season of discontent. A cacophany of complaints makes it difficult to hear the sounds that remind us of how precious our life is in its fragility: a bird's song, our cat's purr, the wind, music in worship, quiet words spoken by someone we love. A very wise person once explained to me that someone who is being negative is trying to make the world small enough for them to manage. Catherine Cooper's prayer reminds us that we will find peace only when we open our hearts and minds to the infinite possibilities that lie just beyond our reach in the unconditional love that grounds us, whatever our circumstances, whatever the mix of shadow and light in which we may be living..

How can I tell of such love to me?

*You made me in your image
and hold me in the palm of your hand,
your cords of love, strong and fragile as silk
bind me and hold me.*

*Rich cords, to family and friends,
music and laughter echoing in memories,
light dancing on the water, hills rejoicing.*

*Cords that found me hiding behind carefully built walls and led me out,
love that heard my heart break in despair and rescued me,
love that overcame my fears and doubts and released me.*

*The questions and burdens I carry you take,
to leave my hands free to hold yours, and others,
free to follow your cords as they move and swirl in the breeze,
free to be caught up in the dance of your love,
finding myself in surrendering to you.*

How can I tell of such love? How can I give to such love?

I am, here am I.

With deep thanksgiving,
Mother Judith+



YOU have Donated \$950
to
World Central Kitchen

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thanks to supporters like you, World Central Kitchen has served tens of millions of nourishing meals to people affected by disasters and crises across the world—from hurricanes to wildfires to violent conflict zones, to a global pandemic, our fight to feed the hungry has taken us more places than we ever could have imagined.

On February 24, Russia launched a large-scale attack on neighboring Ukraine, invading the country on several fronts. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian families are fleeing their homes in search of safety. Working at a 24-hour pedestrian border crossing in southern Poland, WCK began serving hot, nourishing meals immediately. Now, we've expanded our efforts to serve accommodation centers in Poland as well as in Romania, Moldova, and other locations supporting refugees. WCK is also partnering with restaurants inside of Ukraine to get hot meals to anyone in need.

Your support will help us continue to use the power of food to heal communities and strengthen economies while serving as a beacon of hope for people in times of crisis. We look forward to continuing to work with you to nourish, uplift, and inspire.

Join me in fulfilling the inspiring words of John Steinbeck: "Wherever there's a fight so hungry people can eat, we will be there." We must be there.



6—Barbara Kalber
8 – Paige Spooner
8—Carolyn Wynkoop
17—Hope Wilson
23—Lana Pieczynski
23 – Josh Spooner
25 - Eileen DeMings
26—Michael Segarra

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST

The Vestry cordially invites you to the
Stewardship Breakfast and
In -gathering of Pledge Cards:
Sunday, November 6th
after the service



Save the Date!

Holy Trinity will host a

Holiday Concert

by the

The Blue Shades Clarinets

Sunday, December 11 ~ 2:00 PM

The Blue Shades Clarinets will be presenting a concert of holiday music and other classics here at Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm. Please save the date on your calendar. Bring your family and Friends!! Refreshments will be served after the concert.

A Free Will Offering will be given to Rosilda's Kitchen at the First Methodist Church, Southbridge to support their weekly meal program.

Established in 2015 and based in Norwell, Blue Shades Clarinets performs a wide-ranging repertoire arranged for clarinet choir, including American jazz, ragtime and light classics. They have performed throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and as part of the Brockton Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Concert series. The members of the Blue Shades Clarinets also perform regularly with the Brockton Symphony, the Rivers Symphony, and the Metropolitan Wind Symphony.

Parish participation will help make the concert a success. If you are able to assist in flyer distribution beforehand, or, on the day of the concert, to help with greeting guests, the post-concert reception, etc. please contact Joe DiSalvatore at 617-875-5741, or leave a message at the office.



Operation Christmas Child



We will support local Girl Scout Troop #11507 in their service project of sending Christmas boxes to Samaritan's Purse, who will distribute them to children around the world.

Operation Christmas child is a worldwide outreach project of Samaritan's Purse. Volunteers fill shoebox-sized boxes with an age-appropriate toy, a book, a personal-care item and an item of clothing, following guidelines for age and gender. It is a wonderful project that brings insight and a sense of connection both to the one who gives and to the one who receives.

Girl Scout Troop #11507 will gather in our Parish Hall on November 15th to assemble their boxes. Our Vestry also made the commitment to contribute to the cost of shipping the boxes.

Sponsor a box for \$10.

You may give cash in an envelope or write a check payable to Girl Scout Troop #11407.

We will collect the funds on November 13th.

On November 20th we will bless the boxes— along with the girls who assembled them and the children who will receive them.

For more information please contact Cat Reith-Lowery



Community Thanksgiving Service

at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday November 22nd 2022 7 pm

Each participating congregation will contribute to the reception following the service.

Please let Lynn Garland know how you can help.

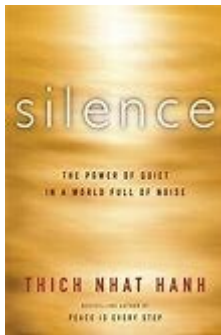
Adult Spiritual Formation

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

1. Practicing our Faith: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices: November 3rd & December 1st @ 7-8:30pm

Please note that we will meet only once in November. Our topic will be *Basic Beliefs: The Creeds & Holy Scripture* [Walk in Love, Chapters 13 & 14].

2. HTC Reading Group: Discussion on Thursday December 1st @ 4:30 at the church



***Silence: The Power of Quiet in a Noisy World* by Thich Nhat Hanh [Harper, 2015]**

audiobook available

The Zen master and one of the world's most beloved teachers writes a concise, practical guide to understanding and developing our most powerful inner resource—silence—to help us find happiness, purpose, and peace. Thich Nhat Hanh guides us on a path to cultivate calm even in the most chaotic places. Through careful breathing and mindfulness techniques he teaches us how to become truly present in the moment, to recognize the beauty surrounding us, and to find harmony. With mindfulness comes stillness—and the silence we need to come back to ourselves and discover who we are.

The Reading Group Planning Committee will meet on November 3rd to select books for January & February.

Spiritual Formation: Children and Youth

First Sunday: November 6th

9:30 Family Worship

10:45-11:30 Teens will prepare for their fall fundraiser

11:30-2pm Teens fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

Third Sunday: November 20th

9:15 Children's Chapel in the Chapel

9:30-10 Discussion downstairs: 2 groups: ages 4-9 & 10-12

We are using the Sermons4Kids curriculum this year

11am Advent Wreath-making materials will be available in the Parish Hall



Vestry Highlights: October 12th

Resolved:

- ✓ Designated Rosilda's Kitchen at the United Methodist Church to be the beneficiary of the Free Will Offering at the Blue Shades Clarinets Concert on December 11th.
- ✓ Committed to support the Girl Scouts' Operation Christmas Child project by raising funds for shipping and offering the Parish Hall as a place for assembly of the Christmas boxes.
- ✓ Agreed to host a simple reception after the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd. Each church will contribute baked goods. Lynn Garland will coordinate.
- ✓ The International Dinner will be held on **Saturday November 12th, 4:30-6:30pm**



- Who:** Holy Trinity Church Teens
- When:** Sunday, November 6th, 11:30-1:30
- What:** Selling hot chocolate, cider and homemade cookies/cakes
- Where:** Outside the church - A tent will be set up in the prayer garden area with access by walking or drive-up
- Why:** To raise funds for the American Cancer Society, research addressing prevention and treatment of children's cancers

This is the first project that the teens are organizing on their own with the support of their families. Let's celebrate their enterprise and their vision—to make a difference beyond our local community. Invite your friends to drive by or walk to the church on Sunday to pick up some delicious homemade goodies and some delicious hot chocolate or cider.



Mission Plate: November & December

The Mission Plate funds for November and December will go to the Mampong Babies Home. The home, located in Mampong, Ghana was established 55 years ago (1967) by Sisters of The Order of the Holy Paraclete, after they observed that many babies were being abandoned at the maternity hospital after their mothers had died in childbirth and their fathers and extended families were unable to bring those babies home to be properly cared for.

At any given time, the Home has a 50-bed capacity for children, aged 0-12 years old.

Children are brought to the Mampong Babies Home as a result of various health and social-economic circumstances, which include, but are not limited to abandonment, neglect, and severe poverty.

We are grateful for your generosity of heart and spirit, as we all continue to be our brothers and sisters' keepers.

In love,
Lorraine Brumskine

International Dinner: Saturday November 12th 4:30– 6:30

After a two year hiatus, we're excited about resuming our annual International Dinner on November 12th from 4:30-6:30. We're looking forward to sharing our history, our cultures, and our talents with one another. Even if you have not had a chance to sign up, please bring your family and friends, along with your favorite dish with a card noting its ingredients.



Sundays in November

November 6th

All Saints Sunday

Family Worship: Youth will lead the service

Daughters of the King Service of Rededication

Stewardship Ingathering

Stewardship Breakfast after the service hosted by the Vestry

11:30-1:30 Teens fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

November 13^h

Morning Prayer: Officiant: Josh Spooner, Reflection: Jean Frost

November 20th

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday

9:15 am Children's Chapel

11am – Advent Wreath-making materials available in the Parish Hall

2 pm Organ Recital by Anne Bouvier-Monroe – for family and parish

November 27th

First Sunday of Advent

Mother Judith will be away November 8th-18th.



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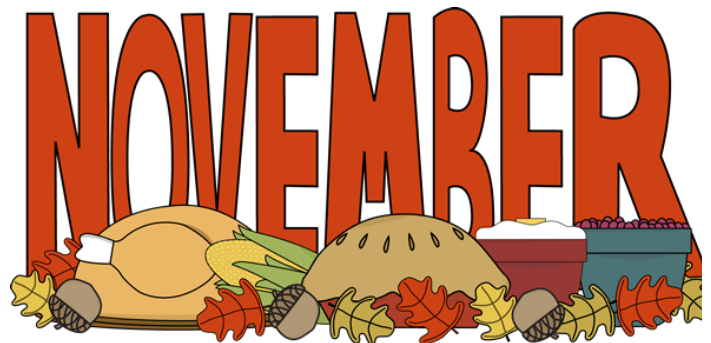
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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

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