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A Reflection from your Priest-In-Charge

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that sends out its roots by the stream.*

*It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.*

*It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit"*

[Jeremiah 17:8]

Ted Loder, Waken in Me a Gratitude for My Life

O God, complete the work you have begun in me.

Release through me

*a flow of mercy and gentleness that will bring
water where there is desert,
healing where there is hurt,
peace where there is violence,
beauty where there is ugliness,
justice where there is brokenness,
beginnings where there are dead-ends.*

Waken in me

*gratitude for my life,
love for every living thing,
joy in what is human and holy
praise for you.*

Renew my faith that you are God

*beyond my grasp
but within my reach;
past my knowing
but within my searching;
disturber of the assured,
assurer of the disturbed
destroyer of illusions,
creator of dreams;
source of silence and music, . . .
sight and darkness,
death and life.*

*O Keeper of Promises, composer of grace,
grant me glee in my blood,
prayer in my heart,*

*trust at my core,
songs for my journey*

and a sense of your kingdom.

May this prayer be a way to become rooted in God's abundance.

Mother Judith+

Mission Plate for October

During the month of October we will be asking for donations to Episcopal Relief and Development for disaster relief for the people of Maui. We are all aware of the terrible fires there and human suffering that will go on for a long time. Through Episcopal Relief and Development, we can donate toward services to alleviate their distress. As you make your way to the altar to receive communion, please make your offering to the people of Maui.

Thank you.

Suzy Sharp and the Mission Plate Committee



From Our Music Director

The Choir will have our first meeting after church on Sunday, October 1st. This meeting will be brief, as we talk about schedules for the choir, i.e. when the choir will sing and how often. The choir is open to anyone who enjoys using music as a form of prayer. If you have any questions, please contact me, the organist. I am not hard to find on Sunday morning, though I would appreciate waiting until after the service to speak with me. Thanks, Anne

October Birthdays

- 3 — Peg Nelson
- 4 — Will Pieczynski
- 7 — Chris Briere
- 14 — Leenah Gossman
- 18—Anita Bullard
- 18—Eric Bullard
- 19—Jean Frost
- 24—Marilyn Theodoss
- 30 —Lorraine Brumskine
- 31 – Joseph Ballou



Winter Coat Closet

will be opening for the season on

Saturday October 28th

9:30—11:30 AM

And will be open every Saturday thru

December 16th

Please donate gently used, clean, winter-weight coats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

We have men's, women's & children's coats. Help us spread the word to anyone in need of a warm coat.

Winter's coming!

Daughters of the King

I am but one, but I am one.
 I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
 What I can do, I ought to do.
 What I ought to do, by the grace of God I Will do.
 Lord, what will you have me do?

I am happy to announce that the past month has been very busy for the Daughter's of the King! We have started a new study group for those individuals who have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Daughters. This study group is for 12 weeks, during which time individuals learn about the order of the Daughters of the King, its mission and purpose. Individuals will take this time of study to discern for themselves whether they are called to be a Daughter. A very exciting time for all of us!

The Daughters are also looking ahead to the New Year and our mission and outreach programs here at Holy Trinity Church. We will be meeting on October 22nd, during coffee hour, to discuss and decide upon the programs that we will sponsor in the upcoming new year. We are looking for and would appreciate your input & suggestions for our mission and outreach programs. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the mission and outreach committee, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Get your creativity hat on! In the beginning of October we will be celebrating Christmas a little bit early. During coffee hour, you will have the opportunity to create, or just color Christmas cards for our troops overseas. We will have Christmas cards ready to color, and just plain paper for you to create your own if you wish to do so. We hope that you will enjoy this little festive bit of cheer.

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Robin Yates, DOK President

The United Thank Offering... not just another fundraiser, but an opportunity to practice Gratitude.



Our Holy Trinity United Thank Offering Ingathering will be on Sunday, October 15th during the 9:30 a.m. service. Count up the coins in your "Blue Box," put a bill or check in an envelope and bring your offering on October 15th. Our parish offering will be sent to the diocese and combined with offerings from other churches in the diocese to be granted in 2024.....every penny is granted! Our offering in 2022 was \$1,024.69! Don't have a "Blue Box"? They are available at the back of the church.



Sleep Out 4 Homelessness
Raising Awareness
and
Raising Funds for St. Luke's Guesthouse
See Tamsin Lucey for ways to participate:
Choose your night, your group. And your fundraising strategy.

Faith Formation: Children and Youth



Family Worship: 9:30 am Children and Youth will lead the service

October 1st Blessing of our pets

November 5th All Saints Sunday

December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent

VBS Sundays: 9:30 – 10:30 am

October 15th [until 10:15 followed by the Parish Meeting]

November 19th Stewardship Ingathering

December 17th Preparing for Christmas & Epiphany

Children's Chapel: 9:15 am

October 8th, 22nd & 29th

November 12th & 26th

December 10th & 31st

Save the Date! Saturday October 21st 9:30-11:30am

Fall Fun Faith Formation at Bethlehem Lutheran.

Children and parents will gather for a fall-themed morning of bible stories, songs, games, and decorating pumpkins. We will do a service project for the Cathedral in the Night event on October 22nd—a service in Northampton for people who have no shelter. We will make sandwiches and collect socks for men and women.

Please contact Eileen DeMings to sign up for this event!

Youth Formation: Grades 6-12

We are partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran:

October 22nd Cathedral in the Night – A ministry of First Lutheran Church of Northampton to the unsheltered in their community. Watch for more information

Meetings after Family Worship: October 1st and November 5th to plan fellowship and service events

Adult Formation

The Chosen: Episode 2—Wednesday October 25th 5:30—7 pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran

Episode 3—Wednesday November 15 5:30-7 pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran

We will share a simple supper of soup, bread, and dessert.

We are partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran and the Federated Church of Sturbridge for monthly viewing and discussion of Season 1 of this popular video series about the life and ministry of Christ. Robin Yates will facilitate discussion. We will meet for 8 sessions (September – May), including some Zoom sessions during the winter months. Watch for more information. The series can be seen on Amazon Prime, Netflix, and <https://www.angel.com>

Lunch & Learn Thursday October 19th 11:30am-1:00pm The Gospel of Thomas

The Gospel of Thomas is a collection of sayings by Jesus that was discovered among other manuscripts in Egypt in 1945. Some of these sayings also appear in the canonical gospels. The Gospel of Thomas gives us insight into the cultural diversity of early Christianity. The central theme is how to live according to the teachings of Jesus.

The text can be found online, and it will be available before we meet. No need to buy any books. No homework required! Bring your lunch and your curiosity.

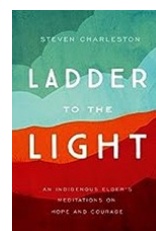
HTEC Reading Group

October: Steven Charlston, *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage*. [Broadleaf Books, 1921]

Steven Charlston is a Choctaw Elder and retired Episcopal Bishop of Alaska.

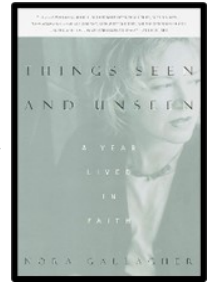
In this book of meditations he outlines a spiritual journey that weaves together Christian

and indigenous images and symbols. The daily meditations on his Facebook offer a good introduction to his work



November:**Nora Gallagher, *Things Seen & Unseen*** [Vintage Books, 1999]**Discussion: Thursday November 30th @ 5pm**

As we prepare to begin a new liturgical year, these meditations by Nora Gallagher will guide us to look forward. *It started with an occasional Sunday, a "tourist's" visit to a local church. Eventually Nora Gallagher entered into a yearlong journey to discover her faith and a relationship with God, using the Christian calendar as her compass. Whether writing about her brother's battle against cancer, talking to homeless men about the World Series, or questioning the afterlife ("one world at a time"), Gallagher draws us into a world of journeys and mysteries, yet grounded in a gritty reality. She braids together the symbols of the Christian calendar, the events of a year in one church, and her own spiritual journey, each strand combed out with harrowing intimacy. Thought-provoking and profoundly perceptive, *Things Seen and Unseen* is a remarkable demonstration that "the road to the sacred is paved with the ordinary."*

**Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes**

We will support our local Girl Scout Troup in their collection of Christmas boxes to donate to Samaritan's Purse for families throughout the world. We will have shopping lists available in mid-October. We ask that the boxes be filled by November 5th, and they will be blessed during the service on November 12th.

Food Pantry: Spices for Holiday Cooking

In October our donations will go to the Bridge Fridge in Southbridge. Our focus will be on spices for holiday cooking. Please see Karron Lacey for more information.

Praying Hands Ministry: October 2023

Our Praying Hands Ministry makes prayer shawls and lap blankets for anyone in need of prayer and comfort. Our prayers are "woven" into the shawl/blanket.

There are baskets with blessed prayer shawls for adults and children 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.

Mother Judith blessed another 5 shawls in September along with 6 "prayer bibs" knitted by Sue Smith.

There are patterns and information on our website www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org under the Parish Ministries tab. For more information contact Susan Howland howlands@charter.net 508.612.3198

Susan Howland, coordinator



Sundays in October: Stewardship Season: Rooted in Abundance

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- October 1st** **18th Sunday after Pentecost & Last Sunday of Creation Season**
Family Worship with Blessing of our pets
10:30-11:30 Teens meet downstairs
11:00 Choir Meeting
- October 8th** **19th Sunday after Pentecost [Mother Judith will be away]**
The First Sunday of Stewardship Season
9:15 Children's Chapel
9:30 Morning Prayer
- October 15th** **20th Sunday after Pentecost UTO Ingathering**
Service to be held in the Parish Hall
Parish Meeting: Exploring New Models for Ministry
What do we want to learn?
What questions are we asking?
9:30-10:15 VBS Downstairs
9:30 Holy Eucharist
10:15-11:15 Parish Meeting with refreshments
- October 22nd** **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
9:15 Children's Chapel
9:30 Holy Eucharist
10:30 Daughters of the King Mission Committee meeting after the service
- October 29th** **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Wear your Halloween costumes to church!
9:15 Children's chapel



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday November 22nd 2023 7 pm

Hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Southbridge

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Thursday 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

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