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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

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As we enter this season after Pentecost, I have this one question for you. Can you feel the spirit? Can you feel the spirit now? These are the questions that Bruce Springsteen often asks his audience when he's preparing to dive into the barn burner of a song, Spirit in the Night?

Can you feeeeeeeell the spirit?!

As come off of Pentecost, the question is also relevant to the church today. Can you feel the spirit? What is it doing in the here and now? Where is it pushing us to go? Are we going willingly? Are we open to where the spirit might wisk us off to next?

The text for Holy Trinity Sunday, is the great commission, the sending of the disciples out into the world, to begin the post resurrection building of a new community. They gather with Jesus on the mountain, they worship together with their doubts, and then, doubts and all they are sent!

We could fairly easily put ourselves in that position. How often do we gather in worship bringing the doubts and worries of our lives and the world with us? Yet we are still claimed as God's beloved and the spirit moves in, with in and among us, even and especially in those moment. Can you feel the spirit? Maybe not all the time, but that doesn't mean the spirit isn't with us.

As we head into the summer season, I would invite you allow the spirit to first move you towards sabbath rest, and then allow yourself to be open to how the spirit might be moving in your life, the life of the church, and in the partnership between Bethlehem and Holy Trinity!

Peace and blessings to you in this summer of renewal, reflection, and hopefully a little bit of fun!

Peace,

Pastor Dan

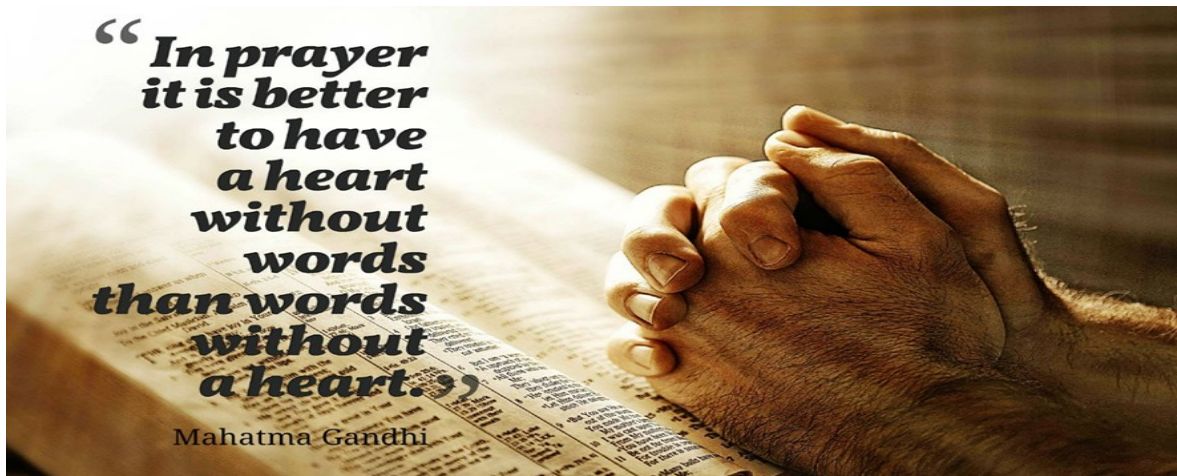


Food Pantry for July



Our July donations will go to the Bridge Fridge of Southbridge. The focus will be non-perishable foods and snacks.

**Thank you
for your generosity!**



Birthdays

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



By the Grace of God
and the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Miguelina Howell
Bishop of Western Massachusetts
Will Ordain

Madia Lorraine Brumskine
to the Sacred Order of Deacons
and

Christina Claudia Leung
To the Sacred Order of Priests

in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, July 18th
At 10:00 o'clock in the morning
At

Christ Church Cathedral
35 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Your prayers and presence are requested
Reception follows
Clergy are invited to vest and process in **red**

July Mission Plate

Mission and Outreach

The mission and outreach for the month of July will be for the victims of Venezuela's Earthquakes. It has been just over a week since the worst earthquake disaster hit Venezuela in over a century. Venezuela's rare earthquake happened on June 24, 2026. Their epicenters were in Yaracuy state west of the capital of Caracas, and they were felt across Venezuela and even parts of neighboring countries. Thousands of people are feared dead, with the official death toll continuing to rise as hope fades of finding survivors in the rubble.

The South American country now faces a humanitarian catastrophe, on top of the deep crises it was already dealing with before the quakes.

In addition to casualties, the sheer number of people left homeless could be staggering. It is estimated that 58,870 buildings were likely damaged or destroyed by the earthquakes.

Up to 6.8 million people could be affected by the disaster, requiring shelter, water, sanitation, healthcare and other relief items, according to the U.N's International Organization for Migration.

So please consider making a donation to this worthy outreach mission. Any amount, large or small, will help the people of Venezuela know that people around the world are praying for and helping them through this devastating time.

The Mission and Outreach Committee





Summer Worship Changes:

Pastor Dan, the Holy Trinity Vestry and the Bethlehem Council (along with the Diocese and Synod) approved the following changes for the months of July and August:

- July 5 11:00 Service at Holy Trinity as usual**
- July 12 10:00 Shared Service at Bethlehem**
- July 19 10:00 Shared Service at Bethlehem**
- July 26 10:00 Shared Service at Bethlehem**
- August 2 10:00 Shared Service at Bethlehem**
- August 9 10:00 Shared Service at Holy Trinity**
- August 16 10:00 Shared Service at Holy Trinity**
- August 23 10:00 Shared Service at Holy Trinity**
- August 30 10:00 Shared Service at Holy Trinity**
- September 6: 11:00 services resume at Holy Trinity**



The office will be CLOSED for vacation:

Tuesday July 14 & Thursday July 16

Also closed on Tuesday July 26,

but OPEN 3-6 pm on Wednesday, July 29.



Campfire Nights
 Bethlehem Lutheran ~ 6 PM
 Thursday nights:
July 16, August 20,
September 10
All are welcome, join us!




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**JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
 FROM 5-6 PM**

**Grab a Bowl, Share a
 Smile – Free Soup Meal
 for All.**

**LEFT SIDE DOOR LOWER LEVEL
 Free Will Offering Welcome**







FREE HOT MEALS

Friday 5-6 PM

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LEFT SIDE DOOR - Lower Level

Free will donation accepted

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Sunday Service
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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