



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

October 2017



Dear *Holy Trinity Family*,

Life is an opportunity and a journey — a journey to saying “Yes” to the God who calls us Beloved. Life is a journey to love, to welcome and to invite; a journey to create peace and to live generously.

In his reflection for November 12, Bishop Robert C. Wright of Atlanta writes: “When we give, we are participating in the personhood of God. We are participating in what is most real in the universe — God’s inexhaustibility! We are making God real in the world by lending God our flesh through partnership.”

The Journey to Generosity is about participating in God’s inexhaustibility. But first we must believe that God’s love, healing, and forgiveness are inexhaustible. We must overcome our trepidation about God’s nature so that we can say “Yes” to God’s call to partnership.

If this sounds like a great risk, consider also these words of Bishop Wright: “When we give, you might say, we are rolling the dice in a game, the outcome of which we are already certain. God is love. And loving is giving.”

As October 1 arrives so does our Fall 2017 Stewardship Season for the coming year. The Sunday bulletins will have wonderful reflections each week with the theme of “Journey to Generosity”. The Prayers of the People will reflect this theme as will the pledge cards that come out too. As such, I invite you this year to take the risk, or continue it, of believing the outcome is certain and to participate in the inexhaustibility of God by confidently continuing our journey to greater generosity.

Your commitment in the past has empowered the ministry of this congregation. Please consider continuing, or committing to, a standard of giving that reflects your standard of living. For many

brighter through the mission and ministries of *Holy Trinity!*

The Stewardship Ingathering will take place **November 12, 2017**, at both services.

In Christ’s love,  
Father Rob Spainhour+



“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.” Henri J.M. Nouwen



Apple Harvest Service at St. John’s  
Sunday, October 8, 9 am  
One service  
Apple desserts  
Fun & Games  
Enjoy the morning at our Mother Church!

## Swanton Food Shelf Collection for Thanksgiving

We will be collecting stuffing, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce and canned vegetables. Please leave these items in the trunk by the church doors by **October 29**. This will give the food shelf time to get the cans out for the November distribution. Thank you



Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Trinity  
Thurs, Nov 23, 3 pm

Turkey & Stuffing provided

Please sign up in Parish Hall

to bring vegetables, beverages, potatoes, salad, dessert, other



### Wish List for Martha's Kitchen

Facial tissues

Toilet paper

Disinfecting wipes

Napkins

There will be a separate bag for these items in the donation box in the narthex. Thank you.



**Episcopal  
Relief & Development**

Healing a hurting world

The total raised in last Sundays Episcopal Relief and Development collection for Hurricane Harvey and Irma, with a Vestry match up to \$1,000, was. ...wait for it.....a total with Vestry of **\$3,000!!!!** The jar for "change for Harvey and Irma" will remain out. We will count that later...it wasn't included in the top \$3,000....so there will be more.

## September Vestry Update

- Linda presented 2 estimates for the landscaping project to renovate the beds on the Northeast corner of the church. This project will begin as soon as possible
- The hot water heater issues seem to be resolved with the adjustment of the control panel
- Cooking camp was a great success
- Acolyte training went very well and is an ongoing learning process
- We finalized the plans for the Ministry Fair that will be this Sunday 9/10. Signup sheets will remain up for a few weeks after for those who cannot attend.
- We set a date for our annual Apple Harvest at St. John's it will be on Oct. 8 at 9:00
- Pastoral Care is looking for donations of any extra greeting cards you may have
- The Hurricane relief collection jar will be out this week and we will also have a special collection during service for Hurricane relief. Vestry will match any!



### Alleluiafund is on track to beat this year's \$40,000 campaign goal

It is not too late to donate to the *Alleluiafund*. Having raised more than \$34,000, including Golf Tournament proceeds, the *Alleluiafund* is on track to beat the 2017 campaign goal of \$40,000. This year's appeal will support Rock Point Summer Camp and the Rock Point Property, along with other ministries, through grants awarded by the Grants and Loans Committee.

Alleluia! Open co-coordinators, Craig Smith, Keith Wuttke and Eric Richardson, thank all who contributed to and assisted with the event.

### ***Upcoming Events***

October 1<sup>st</sup> – First Stewardship Sunday  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> ---2 pm Homestead Eucharist  
October 7<sup>th</sup>- 1-4:30 pm, Rock Point  
Partners & Friends Gathering  
October 10<sup>th</sup>—Clergy Day, 10 to 3--  
Dismantling Racism  
October 11<sup>th</sup>---5-7 p.m. VESTRY  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>—Warden’s Meeting 10 am  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – Food Shelf Tgiving  
Ingathering

### **Rock Point Partners & Friends Celebration Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-4:30 pm SCHEDULE**

#### **1:30-2:30 1st set of Activities**

Nature Walk: Alicia or Melanie  
Cider-making: Chuck and Students  
Tai Chi: Elizabeth Wiris  
Champlain Thrust Fault: Laura Webb  
History/Art talk Laurel Broughton in Hopkins  
conference room  
Pollinator Meadow workshop Gus Buchanan

#### **3:00 – 4:00 2nd set of activities**

Nature Walk  
Tai Chi  
Meditation/Pilgrimage walk at chapel or  
outdoors  
Honey-making Workshop, Gus Buchanan  
History/Art talk II  
Poetry workshop or Trail sculptures  
**For children:** During the whole afternoon,  
activities will take place at the Rock Point  
School, ranging from games to hair wraps,  
face-painting, and jewelry and button-making.

Also, **pizza-making at outdoor oven** with  
ingredients from garden will take place  
throughout the afternoon.

Please register to help us in our planning.  
Please come whether or not you register. Join  
in the activities or wander, explore and relax as  
you wish. To register:

<https://form.jotformpro.com/72566581309968>

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### ***Volunteer with Rock Point! There are two different opportunities right now...Three more are coming!***

As of September 1, Rock Point has named a  
part-time, experienced Volunteer  
Coordinator. The Rev. Jackie Arbuckle has  
assumed this flexible position as an  
independent contractor and will be working  
up to ten hours per week, based on our  
needs and available funding, for the  
foreseeable future.

Arbuckle is also an Episcopal Church deacon  
and Secretary of Rock Point Board. She is a  
retired nurse and garden supply educator,  
and has previously served as the volunteer  
coordinator for Chittenden Volunteer Hospice  
and founding executive director for Vermont  
Respite House.

Volunteer with Rock Point! There are two  
different opportunities right now...Three more  
are coming! The two volunteer opportunities  
currently available are: **Trail Stewards** (14  
positions) and **Pollinator Docents** (10  
positions). Sometime in 2018, Rock Point  
may also be adding Garden Keepers, BCC  
Hosts, and Caretakers.

**Trail Stewards** will work in pairs and commit  
to one, three-hour shift per week.  
Volunteering with a friend maximizes the fun!  
After training by the Green Mountain Club in  
Waterbury Center, Trail Stewards will have  
two roles: (1) Trail monitoring and simple  
maintenance and (2) serving as  
ambassadors/educators to those using the  
trails.

**Pollinator Docents** will work specifically in  
the Pollinator Demonstration Garden and  
Solar Field Meadow and must be able to  
commit to one, two-to-three-hour shift per  
week. They will assist with leading tour  
groups and teaching workshops, as well as  
helping maintain the plantings.

For more information about Rock Point’s  
volunteer opportunities, please contact  
Jackie Arbuckle by email at

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482-5367

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November 1<sup>st</sup>—**All Saints Day**  
November 1---6:30 p.m. VESTRY  
November 3-4<sup>th</sup>—Diocesan Convention, Ludlow  
November 5<sup>th</sup>—Daylight savings ends/All Saints Sunday  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Ingathering Sunday  
November 14<sup>th</sup>—Homestead Eucharist 2 p.m.  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>—Thanksgiving Day  
November 27<sup>th</sup>—10 a.m. Wardens' Meeting  
December 5<sup>th</sup>—2 p.m. Homestead Eucharist, St. Albans  
December 6<sup>th</sup>---6:30 p.m. VESTRY  
December 12<sup>th</sup>---25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr Rob's ordination to the Priesthood  
December 24<sup>th</sup>—**Sunday Christmas Eve**  
December 31<sup>st</sup>—Lessons and Carols—9am



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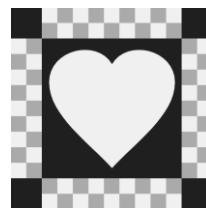
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carol Moulton, Doreen LaFlam
- 9 Evan Anderson, Eric Hadd
- 12 Eric Buel
- 14 Kendra Garrison
- 23 Kalan Kenyon
- 26 Martha Casavant-Ries, Natalie Good
- 29 Lily Trutor
- 31 Cameron Nielsen, Paeton Taylor Betsy Visconti



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Deanna & John Edwards  
Helen & Frank Short
- 4 Jessica & Mike Dittmar
- 13 Richard & Lee Page
- 16 Natalie & Wally Good
- 19 Tammy & John Farr