



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS



AUGUST 2022

## August Reflection

Have you ever walked a labyrinth?

I have found spiritual inspiration in doing so, especially in some very interesting places. In Alaska, we found a labyrinth at a retreat house on the shore. Facing East there were stately evergreens and mountains, and facing west there was water as far as the eye could see. The tranquility solicited voice from nature, whispering, you are part of the whole of nature, the wonderful gift of the Creator. In South Africa in the courtyard of St. Georges Cathedral where Bishop Tutu was resident, I walked toward the center, asking prayerfully where and when have I experienced the grace and love of God? Walking out, I prayed, where and when have I shared the love of God with others? Used as an icon of the faith journey, a labyrinth is an ancient tradition of prayer, discernment, and formation. The vision of Beloved Community embraced by the Episcopal Church in 2017 “rises from a commitment to following the Bible’s most important commandments: to love God and love our neighbors, in whom we see the face of God. Beloved Community is the community that loves as God intends: where truth is told and hierarchies of human value are dismantled, where each person and culture is protected and honored as an equally beloved part of the human family of God, and where we counter human selfishness – the true root of sin and racism – with the selfless love of Jesus.” ([www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community)).

I value the time we have shared at Holy Trinity, as companions on a sacred journey. Thank you and God Bless you!

Ann+

**BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY**



It is with great excitement and appreciation that our family is able to celebrate some wonderful benchmarks in our lives. This year marks Dan and Lou-Anne’s 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Sarah and Jon’s 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Mary and Dave’s 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

As part of our celebration, our family is spending an extended week at the Marshall’s Lakehouse, and we would like to invite people to join us for an informal gathering.

The Woods and Marshalls will join efforts to host a potluck dinner on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm -8:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer, salad, hotdish or dessert to share along with your beverage of choice. Feel free to bring your own folding chair or blanket.

We will have lawn games, music and beach activities. **Please note, life jackets need to be used by anyone doing a water activity.**

We will close out the evening with a campfire, reflections and marshmallows! Please Note: Your presence is our present...no gifts necessary!

RSVP Appreciated, but not required!!

Who: Wood and Marshall

What: Celebration

Where: 130 Maquam Shore Road

When: August 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00

What To Bring: Dish to share, favorite beverage, a chair

## Upcoming Events

Sun, Aug 7, 9:15 – Pastoral Care Mtg

Thur, Aug 18- Buildings & Grounds Meeting 4:00

Sun, Sept 4 – Good bye to Rev Ann

Mon, Sept 5, 4:00 – Outreach meeting

Sun, Sept 11 – Welcome Back, Rob

## Holy Trinity Church Food Truck Party, Roll With God Cooking Camp Recap

As we celebrate another successful cooking camp at Holy Trinity Church, we also have a greater appreciation for all the adults and youth that made our week of outreach a wonderful validation of all that Holy Trinity has to offer our community.

Camper attendance was made up of children from throughout Franklin County from the ages of 4-16 with our older campers taking on the roles of Junior Leaders. This age variation allowed for great relationships and growth for every individual camper. Campers and leaders focused on this prayer throughout the week.

"God is Great, God is Good, Let us, Thank God for Our Food, By God's Hands We are Fed, Thank You, God, For Our Daily Bread". We learned about and celebrated.... Faith, Friendship, Forgiveness, Family, and Food each day.

Throughout the week we made pita chips, salsa, bread, Trinity Cookies, fried rice, pineapple chicken and a toss green salad. Each camper took home a Food Truck Take Out bag for their family on Friday. We even had a special visit from the El Gato food truck and had a snack of chicken tacos and chips and salsa.

Special thanks go out to all of our wonderful volunteers who supported this opportunity. Including..... Natalie Good, Deanna Edwards, Mary Wood, Dawn Sparling, Linda Wirts, Marianne Marshall, Leah Fitzgerald, Stella Wood, Kassie Bourdeau, Laura Simons, Emma Saunders, Judy Cheney, Kiley Boutah, George Plante, Jessica Dittmar, Drew Wood, and Sarah and Jon Nielsen Blessings,

Mary and Deanna  
Outreach Co-Chairs



## Saunders Basket

There is a basket in the hallway outside of the worship area for donations to go to the Saunders family. Tobias, the oldest, is being treated for a brain tumor. Suggested donations are arts and craft supplies and books for 3 boys, ages 6, 4, and 2, magazines & books for the parents to read while they are waiting at medical appointments and gas cards for trips to Boston. The Holy Trinity Church Mice will be making cheerful pillowcases for the boys. If members would like to donate 100% cotton fabric- 3/4 of a yard for the main fabric and 1/4 yd for the accent fabric: Batman, Spider-Man, Ninjas, trucks and cars are interests of the boys.



## Welcome Home Bags

We have 10 Welcome home bags already and more on the way. Thank you from Jessica Moore and the Congregational Church in St. Albans for our response to the Welcome Home program developing in St. Albans with help from Grace Church, Sheldon and Holy Trinity.

## Two celebrations in September

**September 4th** will be Ann Boyd's last Sunday with us so we will have a celebration coffee hour after church.

**September 11th** is Rob's return from sabbatical and his first Sunday back in church as well as his birthday - so we will have a welcome home/birthday coffee hour for him. Plans will unfold for the coffee hours as August progresses.

## Welcoming

I have a Traveling Nurse moving into my home August 1st for 3 1/2 months. She is from Texas and her name is Linda. She may come to church from time to time when she is free. She did visit last summer a couple of times. She is working at Franklin County Home Health. Linda Wirts



### Music at Grace

Grace Church, Sheldon

**August 12, 7:30: FREVO** with Peter and Wendy Matthews and Bonnie and Steve Klimowski.

**September 16:** Katie Oprea and friends (7:30 p.m.)

**Coming this fall: David Feurzeig: Play Every Town** with local musicians TBA.

### Vestry at a Glance

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- Approved repairs for upstairs AC coil and boiler in the basement.
- Audit has been completed & approved.
- Columbarium information packet updated.
- HTC optional masking policy remains in effect.



A big thank you to Steve St. Onge for filling in our flower beds with color and additional flowers. A wonderful addition to the front of our church this summer.

### MORNING PRAYER

Written at Sunrise on Great Salt Lake

Oh, wonderful new day, unfolding to the children of men

Bring us afresh the vision of beauty;

Show us anew the path our feet must tread;

Flood our hearts with the warmth of love, even as thou dost fill the waiting valleys with sunshine;

And lift our eyes to the vast dome of sky which, day and night, shelters us all, children of one Father.

So shall we, brave and rejoicing, go forward in our untrodden path, quietly fulfilling our appointed tasks,

Until, grateful, peace-filled, and unafraid, we face the setting sun, the evening shadow, and the quiet night.

Sarah Louise Arnold

September 22  
HTC Take-Out  
Open Door Dinner

Your Holy Trinity Outreach Team is excited to once again, offer an Open Door Dinner. We offer one for this year as a take-out lasagna dinner.

In order to begin plans for this event, we are looking for a list of individuals who would be to do some of the tasks. We need people to following jobs...

1. Shoppers
  2. Meal Prep....Salads, Lasagna, Brownies
  3. Handle RSVPs/ We will do pre-orders only
  4. Packaging Meals
  5. Passing Out Meals at Pick-Up Times
- Please let Mary Wood or Deanna Edwards know, if you are able to help with any of the jobs.

Thanks!



### HTC Outreach Future Events

- Pies For Bonnie November 16 & 17
- Heat For Homes Tree Advent 2022

Holy Trinity Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for your generous scholarship of \$1000. It will help me pay for school, making the next step of my journey a bit easier. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated. I look forward to attending your service in December.

Thank you,  
Ella Partlow

Dear Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Team,  
I wanted to reach out to thank you for your generous gift to Age Well. Your support will go such a long way as we continue to serve clients in Swanton and we are grateful!

Thank you for all you do,  
With much appreciation,  
Jane Catton CEO



## TRINITY COOKIE RECIPE

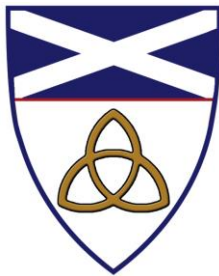
Here is a recipe that the children at HTC Cooking Camp enjoyed making this year. Note, they are called Trinity Cookies because they are made with three ingredients in honor of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!

1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg

1. Mix three ingredients then drop by teaspoons full on parchment lined cookie sheet.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.
3. Take out of oven just as edges begin to brown.

### OPTIONAL....

1. Top with Hershey Kiss and cool before eating.



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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 Lou Anne Wood

13 George Murphy

14 Madison Dittmar  
Charlie Moore

15 Laura Wood

20 Adilynn Patterson

25 Ethan Garrison

31 John Fournier



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 Sandy & Dick Hersey

10 Paul Leduc & Thomas Bruso

12 Mary & David Wood

13 Kathleen & Wally Good

28 Suzy & Hugh Kenyon  
Shelley & Shawn Robtoy