



HOLY TRINITY NEWS



March 2023

An Epistle from The Rev. Ann Boyd

Lent is an interesting and challenging time liturgically and spiritually. This year, Lent seems to be an especially appropriate interval to be reflective and meditative as you bid farewell to your Rector and begin to think and pray about the future of Holy Trinity Church. Remember, Jesus did not go into the wilderness alone, rather was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. Wherever we go, God is with us, guiding, being present, encouraging, giving hope and grace to heal broken relationships, and renew us with a sense of purpose.

I, Ann, am very happy to return to Holy Trinity and to be present with you in this transition. Fran will be a new face and brings skills and experience in transition ministry to help us move forward. We will share in the worship duties and attend as many committee and fellowship events as we can, to give you time to get comfortable with us. Although we have both served as rectors in the Diocese of Maryland, we have not had the chance to work as a team with a parish.

The Church designates Lent as a time of preparation for a full spiritual experience of Easter. The journey to Easter is marked by suffering, death, and new birth. Holy Trinity is transitioning to the call of your next Rector, letting go of what is past and embracing what new life awaits. Beginning in this season of devotion, prayer, and reflection, we walk toward new life. Thank you for the privilege of walking with you through this transition.

Ann+



Transition Update:

The Vestry is excited to welcome Reverend Ann Boyd and Reverend Fran Stanford as our transition team. Ann and Fran will be with us as we walk through the transition process. We will have more details of what this partnership will look like in the near future so stay tuned. Ann or Fran will be with us for Sunday Services and will hold regular office hours. In the meantime please help me welcome Ann and Fran!

Sarah Nielsen
Senior Warden

March Calendar

Thur, Mar 2 – 5:30 Food for Healing
Mon, Mar 6 – 9 am Outreach committee
Thur, Mar 9 – 5:30 Food for Healing
Sat, Mar 11 – Clocks spring ahead
Mon, Mar 13 - Vestry Meeting 5:30
Thur, Mar 16 – 5:30 Food for Healing
Thur, Mar 23 – 5:30 Food for Healing
Thur, Mar 30 – 5:30 Food for Healing
-Morning Prayer Tues- Sat @ 8:00AM in the Chapel.
-Fitness classes w/ Molly Hartman: Mon, Wed, Thurs @6:30PM



Jesus meets women who are crying.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are up in the church. The booklets for the stations are on the communion rail. Feel free to do the stations yourself any time the church is open (Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00). Thanks to Helen & Frank Short for providing the pictures for the parish.

March is Home Again Month at Holy Trinity



Once again, this year, your HTC Outreach Team is celebrating a monthly focus on the “Home Again” Project for Franklin County Vermont. The main goal of this project is to present some basic home necessities for homeless people/families who are moving into a home setting. This year we have teamed with Memorial ACE Hardware in Swanton, Vermont as part of our collection drive.

ACE has supplied us with 5 Gallon buckets to use as a gift basket for collecting items. It is our hope that we ACE our work for “Home Again” by filling our buckets for them this year!

Help Make Our Month of March a Success!

Adopt	Collect	Empower
<p>We have 10 ACE buckets to fill for our project. We are asking for individuals our two or three individuals to select an ACE bucket to take home and fill during the month of March. When your bucket is filled, you can return it to the church for a parish blessing at the last Sunday of March.</p>	<p>These are the items most in need at this time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plastic shower liner 2. Shower curtain rings 3. Toilet brush 4. Laundry soap 5. Kitchen trash bags 6. Food storage bags 7. Sponges 8. All-purpose cleaner 	<p>Why Do This? By providing new items to these individuals and families, we create a sense of empowerment. Our work will provide hope, contribute a sense of dignity, help fight the feeling of isolation, promote kindness and connect them with others.</p>

New Organist

After an exhaustive search for a Music Director/Organist, a wonderful musician has been hired. Her name is Marcy Greenfield. She lives happily in Jericho, Vermont and has been recently working at a church in Barre. She will begin officially March 12.



Please welcome the Rev. Ann Boyd and her wife, the Rev. Fran Stanford, on our Thursday Lenten prayer & soup evenings beginning March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th at 5:30pm in the parish hall.



Food for Healing

On the Thursdays in Lent, there will be a prayer service in the parish hall at 5:30 pm followed by a light soup and bread supper in the alcove of the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. The supper will be prepared for you. Just come.

Seder Meal

Our traditional Seder Meal will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm.

Please see the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up for the Seder Meal.

The Seder meal is eaten on the first day of Passover. Passover is an 8 day holiday commemorating the night the angel of death “passed over” the homes of the Israelites in Egypt whose doorposts were marked with the blood of a lamb. Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover on the night he instituted the Eucharist – Maundy Thursday. We have a sumptuous meal of lamb & all the fixings and eat the symbolic foods of Passover. We celebrate the Eucharist with the wine & matzo of the meal. After dinner in the Parish Hall, we moved to the church – to the Garden of Gethsemane – and begin the journey to Good Friday.



Shrove Tuesday Celebrated at HTC

The spirit of Mardi Gras was alive and well at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We gathered to share the love of life, the enjoyment of music, pancakes with a topping buffet to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our parish family.

On Tuesday, February 21st, Church members came together to celebrate their annual tradition of Shrove Tuesday. This, like many things that Holy Trinity does, is a result of everyone stepping forward and taking an active part in the planning, buying, organizing, serving, enjoying and cleaning.

Children enjoyed Mardi Gras music, mask making, arts and crafts, duck games, and we even had children playing a pancake race. Everyone enjoyed pancakes with many rich and delicious toppings supplied by our guest. A great way to prepare for the reflective season of Lent.

Special thanks go out to all involved. Thanks for sharing your wonderful gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasures once again!

Helen Short, Linda Bruyette, Natalie Good, Pat Gaboriault, Earl Taylor, Barb Trushaw, Caylin Bessette, Mary Hartman, Steve Trushaw, Fr. Rob Spainhour, Sandi Kenyon, Cameron Nielsen, Wally Good, David Wood, Frank Short, Sarah Nielsen, Jon Nielsen, Christie Bruyette, Leanne Marie, Mary Gladden, Kiley Boutah, George Plante, Erica and Jacob Greenia

Blessings to all, Mary Wood

Art Wall

The wall in the Parish Hall featured Gladys Nokes' paintings for many weeks. Now quilts sewn by Natalie Good are up. Natalie started quilting when she made each of her children a quilt to take to college. Under the tutelage of Helen Short, she has upped her game. Watch that wall in the months to come to see the work of many other parish artists.

Franklin County Quilters Guild Show, Sat (9-4) & Sun (10-3) April 1 & 2. City Hall, St Albans

*Dear Holy Trinity Family,
It has been a good run. I am so thankful that our lives have intersected and our faith has been shared.*

The lovely book, money gift Framed photo, lovely reception were simply marvelous. You are so thoughtful & Kind.

The choir & anthem were spectacular! I pray for wild & joyous success in all future ministry built upon the foundation of nearly two centuries. Thank you for being you.

Much love, Fr Rob+

Dear Team,

What a wonderful job you did with the "Ending" reception. It was thoughtfully planned, beautifully executed, and lovingly staged. Your thoughtfulness & care mean so much. I will not soon forget your kind expression of love.

Much love, Fr Rob+

Dear Kay & choir,

The music selections and the choir anthem were absolutely beautiful. How fortunate to have been here with so much talent lovingly shared. I will miss you all.

Much love, Fr Rob+



Thank you to everyone for visits, food, phone calls, cards, rides, e-mails and all the good things that have been done for the healing journey. I am grateful. Linda

Vestry-at-a-glance
February 13th, 2023

- New vestry members chose commissions to represent.
- Looking into management company for apartments at 40 Grand Ave.
- Vestryperson of the Day to open/close church on Sundays.
- \$1000 from Outreach funds to support purchase of new lift for Care Partners.



EASTER FLOWERS

Toward the end of March, Kiley will be putting out envelopes for Easter flowers. If you would like to donate for lilies in thanksgiving or remembrance, be watching for those envelopes.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- ARE YOU IN NEED OF BETTER HOUSING?** Maybe you are living in poorly built, unhealthy, damaged or inadequate housing. Or maybe, you have a rent or mortgage that you cannot afford, or may be living in a home that is inaccessible for your disabilities.
- ARE YOU WILLING TO PARTNER WITH CHT & HABITAT?** Our homebuyers put in "sweat equity," which means they help build their own home or volunteer at a Habitat ReStore. They also take classes in personal finances, home maintenance and other relevant topics so they are ready for the demands of owning a home.
- ARE YOU ABLE TO PAY AN AFFORDABLE MORTGAGE?** You must be able to qualify for a mortgage with a lender that works with Champlain Housing Trust.



For questions about these homes contact us at buyahome@getahome.org, 861-7373 or visit www.getahome.org/habitat for more information.



PROPERTY DETAILS	INCOME REQUIREMENTS
Location: Lefty Lane, Swanton Home Details: 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath	(see or below)
Estimated* Monthly Cost: \$1,295 (including principal, interest, taxes, insurance, and fees)	1 person: \$60,000 2 person family: \$68,000 3 person family: \$72,000 4 person family: \$85,000 5 person family: \$90,000 6 person family: \$98,000

Application deadline: March 8, 2023

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*Daylight Savings Time
Sun, Mar 12*

*Spring your clocks forward
Saturday night or you will be late to
church*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Drew Wood
- 7 Suzy Kenyon
- 9 Hugh Kenyon
- 11 Jason Bushey
- 14 Ayden Burnor
- 18 Helen Short
- 26 Donald Fournier
- 30 Sandy Hersey



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