



HOLY TRINITY NEWS



OCTOBER 2023

Living Abundantly

“As it was, as it is, as it shall be evermore. O Thou Triune of grace! With the ebb, and with the flow, O Thou Triune of Grace! With the ebb, with the flow.”
Celtic Prayers by Alexander Carmichael.

Holy Trinity is a sacred space where we gather around a common table and common cup to say our prayers, to petition for relief from whatever we suffer or fear, to renew our hope and to be part of a community without regard to title, socioeconomic position. We lift up our drooping heads and see God, arms wide open in welcome, drawing us forward. In the economy of God’s grace, the last are first and the first are last but none are ignored or abandoned. All are called to participate in the work of the vineyard, which is the kingdom of heaven. All are recipients of God’s unconditional love.

There are ministries within the parish and beyond it that spread the compassionate love of God to us and our neighbors. How many events occur at Holy Trinity where the community finds a welcome place? How many people pass through our doors to find fellowship, food, and welcome? We may at times feel limited by scarcity, that there is not enough in the outreach budget to all we could, and yet, we are a parish of abundance. The Perry Gift took away the illusion of scarcity! Having unearned income challenges us to use the gift to be generous.

With the Vestry, Wardens, and Commissions of the parish, we need to find time to celebrate all that this parish means to us and to our neighbors. We are planning an opportunity for us to celebrate ministries, to vision adding ministries, so that the doors of this holy place are open as much as possible to feed the hungering spirits of every person within our reach.

God offers grace as unconditional love, underserved, unmerited, for all and it is our joy to share it with as many as we possibly can. So, I invite each of you to save the dates of Nov 5 and Nov 12 for us to talk about money, stewardship, and mission in a community conversation. Gaining your ideas and input the vestry will be better informed in building a budget that reflects the ministry of Holy Trinity.

Ann+

Transition Notes from Fran

Interim ministers have several tasks to accomplish. As our time with the parish is limited, integration into the parish system is a top priority. Interims provide stability in worship and sacramental ministries so that the parish can focus on the work of the transition period without anxiety about those aspects of parish life. The interim is time to come to grips with differing responses to the departure of the previous rector, focusing on healing of divisions that may accompany that departure. We listen to the parish stories as we seek to discover what strengths you have and what challenges you face. We draw attention to both strengths and challenges to the Transition Team and to other parish leaders such as the vestry. We strive to raise up new leaders, encourage those already in place, strengthen ministries and challenge the parish to face truths that have been avoided for one reason or another. One significant challenge we have identified has resulted from the Perry Bequest in 2001. While significant time and energy went into exploring the impact of that bequest on the parish twenty years ago, it seems time to include the entire parish in revisiting that impact. Most of HTC’s operating budget comes from that bequest which has led to a low level of personal stewardship, the giving of time, talents and treasure for the work of the church. Along the way, HTC has become burdened with the maintenance of five different properties. Although the post-pandemic time has brought an increased attention to ministry in the larger community, much time and energy (as well as funds) are going to the maintenance of these properties. Is the parish happy with these changes? The vestry, Ann and I anticipate parish-wide conversations around stewardship of time, talent and funds in the next several weeks. As Ann has noted in this newsletter, two dates have been set. Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this important conversation.

Blessing of the Animals

On Oct. 4, the feast day of St. Francis, Holy Trinity will hold a Blessing of the Animals at 6 pm on the green space behind the church. What a great way to end our Season of Creation when we have been paying special attention to our role as stewards, that is, caretakers, of all creation. Bring your animals, leashed or caged, or a picture of stuffed surrogate if you animals do not travel well, and we will give thanks to God for their place in our lives. Each pet will be given a personalized blessing, and there may even be some special treats for all as well!



CELEBRATION

We will have 2 celebrations on Sunday, October 15. Coffee Hour will be OCTOBER FEST. EVERY ONE BRING ANYTHING APPLE. Sauce, pie, cake, crisp, float, chutney, cobbler, dumpling, pan dowdy, baked and if the weather is conducive to be outside we will gather on the side of the church for coffee hour. Otherwise inside as usual.

Following coffee hour will be a celebration with Joe Cava blessing his new apartment next door at 40 Grand Avenue. A short gathering welcoming him "home" .



Pies For Bonnie

November 16 th and 17 th

Apple Crisp pies will be unbaked/frozen ready to bake

Pumpkin Pie

Peanut Butter Pie

Cream Cheese Pie

Pie Orders Need to be Made by Nov 8th

All pies will be \$14

Pick-up Time November 17th between 12-2

Call Kiley at 802-868-7185

Shelley at 802-393-1515 or

ssrobttoy@gmail.com

Mary at 802-524-5446 or

golfwoodmd@comcast.net

Volunteers to peel apples, make crust, make fillings, prep boxes, pack up pies, and clean kitchen are all welcome.

Selected Non-Profit for this year's

Pies For Bonnie

Franklin County Senior Center

Swanton Library Programming

Transition Update

The Transition Team, which consists of eleven members, is working on answering the Twelve Questions required before candidates can apply to become Holy Trinity's Rector. The process involves collaboration when crafting our responses as the questions are challenging. Example: "Describe 'a moment' in your worshipping community's recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment." Fortunately, there weren't eleven different moments cited by team members, but there were several different moments that members felt were successful and fulfilling. How do you select just one? Thus the process of answering the Twelve Questions is lengthy. The good news is our goal is to finalize our answers at the October 8th meeting and submit them to the Vestry for review.

A subcommittee of the Transition Team is working with the Buildings and Grounds Team to prepare the Rectory for our new Rector. Several rooms of the Rectory need to be painted after nail holes are patched. In order to cut costs, we are seeking volunteers for these tasks. If you would like to participate please let Barb Trushaw know.

Furniture Needed

The Transition Team is looking for a double bed, table, chairs, and/or bureau that could be used temporarily in the Rectory for Rector Candidate visits. If you have any of these items available that you are not currently using, please contact Barb Trushaw at 802-309-4429.

Artists on the Wall

Thank you to Bev Montiel for her water color paintings during August & September and welcome to Erica Greenia will share her framed seasonal photographs for us to enjoy in October & November.

Soup & Grief Conversation

A thank you to Ann and the makers of the delicious lunch of soup, bread, cheese, blueberry cake & cookies. Ann shared a personal experience of death and loss and her response to it. She recommended several books available on grief and invited us to share at our tables stories or experiences of death and grief and how we managed it. It may be the beginning of additional conversations on death & grief as participants reflect.

Calendar

October 2- Outreach mtg, 9am
October 4- Blessing of the Animals, 6 pm
October 9- Vestry mtg, 5:30pm
October 15 -Apple Fest Sunday
October 15 -House Blessing for Joe Cava
October 20 -Open Door Dinner at Methodist Church
October 28 -Halloween in the Park
November 1- All Saints Pot Luck Dinner
November 16 -17 Pies For Bonnie
November 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Trinity
December 3 -1st Sun of Advent Ornament Making
December 9 - Children Cookie Baking Activity
Dec 10 - 2nd Sun of Advent St. Nick & St. Lucy Day
Dec 10 -Cookies Decorating & Cookies with Santa
Dec 17- 3rd Sun of Advent Greening of the Church
December 17 -Community Christmas Caroling
December 24 -Paper Bag Pageant
December 24 -Christmas Eve Service/ Reception
December 31 - Lessons and Carols
January 7 -HTC Scholarship Sunday

Dear Holy Trinity members,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful note with many signatures that we received upon returning from our Hawaii trip. The first week in Honolulu was wonderful. However the evacuation from Lahaina, Maui was unimaginable and frightening, We are so grateful to make it out alive. Receiving that note is appreciated beyond words.

Thank you again,
Deacon Jim and Linda Ballard

Thank You

A thank you to all who contributed to the Welcome Home canvas bag for Jeff Williams.

Linda B's Corner

Have you wished you could be an Angel?
You can easily do it. Don't doubt it.
Just help someone in need,
or do a good deed.
And never tell a soul about it.

A Bedtime Prayer

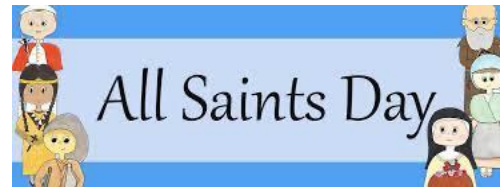
Guard me, Guide me, Angels, hide me
From the troubles all around.
Keep me save and give me Faith
To hear your steps In every sound. Amen



Please Save The Date

November 1st
5:30-7:00

How many saints can you name in the All Saints Stained Glass Window at the back of our church? As part of the pot luck dinner on November 1st, Wally Good and Mary Wood will do a fun presentation on the history behind the beautiful window. Come explore this welcoming treasure for our church and learn the names of the saints and their stories.



All Saint's Day Pot Luck Dinner

Holy Trinity Parish Members are invited to come together for a pot luck dinner on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. This is a closure celebration for the work your Sunday School children have been working on during September and October. Please bring one of your Heavenly Dishes to share with our parish family. You might think of Heavenly Hash, Angel Cake, a dish with bacon to honor St. Anthony, a dish with fish to honor St. Neots, cheese and crackers to honor St. Isidore or a dessert with honey to honor St. Ambrose. Did you know that we have a beautiful stained glass window that gives honor to many of the famous saints we hear about in the stories of the bible. However, there a many more saints that have been celebrated throughout the years. If you would like to research a saint and share about their life, we would love to have a few people dress up and tell their stories as part of our dinner entertainment. As part of our Sunday School Program, children are learning about specific saints that give additional meanings to their lives. They have learned that we can all be saints if we find a way to help others and we live a prayerful life.

Arrival Time: 5:30
All Saint's Stories: 5:30-6:00
Dinner Time: 6:00

OPEN DOOR DINNERS
Swanton Memorial Methodist
5:30-6:30 Dine in only!!
Fridays Oct 20 & Nov 17

Call for Nominations: Deadline is Oct 13

The Nominating Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2023 would like your help in spreading the word. The deadline for nominations for diocesan leadership positions to be elected during the 2023 diocesan convention is October 13, 2023. Nominations should be submitted using the [online form](#). Leaders are needed to serve on the following bodies:

- Brookhaven Treatment & Learning Ctr Trustees
- Commission on Finance
- General Convention Alternate Deputies
- Provincial Synod Deputy
- Rock Point Commons Board of Directors
- Rock Point School Board of Trustees
- Standing Committee
- Trustees of the Diocese

Thanksgiving Meal at Holy Trinity

Thurs, Nov 23, 2 pm
 Signup on bulletin board
 All are invited

Autumn

Tall goldenrod is turning amber
 In the warming Autumn sun;
 Stray morning glories play hide and seek -
 The last Summer fun.
 The welcome hummers all have left,
 The feeder stands forlorn;
 No tiny, fluttering wings and chirps
 To fill a Summer morn.
 Scattered, glowing dandelions
 Still wander on the lawn;
 Fewer birds are up and singing
 Welcoming the dawn.
 The feel of Fall is all about
 On a day that's crisp and clear;
 And time is quickly moving on
 When old Winter will be here.
 -Lola Neff Merritt

Music at Grace, Sheldon

Friday, October 6: Nobby Reed



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carol Moulton, Doreen LaFlam
- 9 Eric Hadd, Evan Anderson
- 23 Kay Benedict, Henry Kenyon
- 26 Natalie Good, Aimee Hawkins,
Martha Casavant-Ries
- 31 Cameron Nielsen



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



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