



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JUNE 2025



Never Stop Growing - From the Rector

It is now fully Spring.....and in Spring all the things are growing and becoming new again. It is also the time when we celebrate graduations from all kinds of things: kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, college, tech school, boot camp.....so many graduations.

Sometimes we seem to operate as if, with this graduation, our “study”, our growth, is complete. But that is really never true. My grandfather, according to family lore, was fond of saying “Go to the book” anytime someone indicated that they didn’t know an answer to something. This man who had to leave school after eighth grade because he was needed on the family farm, took education very seriously. He believed the answer to anything could be found in the right book or by learning from the right person. The more we work to learn – the better off we really are.

We do this in church too. We seem to think that once we reach adulthood (sometimes that is confirmation) our formation as Christians is complete. But the truth is that the word of God is never silent. There are always new things to learn, new ways to look at the world, new opportunities to grow and develop.

We are at the end of our “program year” in the church. There will likely be one or two things over the summer that are educational-ish. And in the fall, look forward to more opportunities for education and formation – for adults and kids! For now, enjoy the summer, soak up the sun, take a hike, sit in your backyard, fly a kite, go fishing.....all of those amazing things we can do when the weather is warmer and we have more ability to be outside. And...read a book that challenges you, find a podcast that might teach you something you didn’t know before, take up a new hobby, start a project where you read the entirety of the Bible. There is always more to learn about God, one another, and ourselves.



Special Notes from the Sunday School Teachers

First of all, I want to thank all the parents who worked to support me during this Sunday School year. It was great to find so many ways to connect with your children and share the stories of Jesus and his wonderful messages to guide us in our daily lives. Our program has been fortunate to have a number of teachers, nursery attendants and volunteers to support weekly programs. Special thanks to Helen Short, Julia Tinganelli, Valarie Bushey, and Mattison Lampman.

Each week we explored stories and lessons that provided us with ways to celebrate and practice Jesus’ greatest message that our practice of loving god and loving others are interconnected and equally important.

Our final Sunday School class will take place on Pentecost Sunday with a musical presentation of “This is the Day the Lord Has Made.” During the last several weeks of Easter, we talk about what it means to be a disciple and how Jesus prepared his disciples to carry on his teachings without him. On Pentecost we celebrate the spirit behind that great challenge. Children have made instruments to play as they sing and Teach the song to the rest of the parish.

Sunday, June 8th will be our last Sunday School class, however, nursery coverage will continue for children 5 and under throughout the summer. This means that Mattie Lampman will continue to cover Nursery with the support of parents during the first part of the service and children will return to the service following the Prayers of the People.

Once again, please know that we continue to look for adults and children who would like to be involved with our Christian Youth Programs. Please feel free to contact Rev. Kathleen or me if you have interest. Sunday School will begin again in the middle of September.

Blessings,
Mary Wood



Graduate Sunday June 8 **Celebrate all our graduates!**

Diaper Ministry Update

Opening day February 3, 2025

**Open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 -
February, 2025**

3 visitors -

6 wipes packages and 16 diaper packs

March, 2025

25 visitors -

38 wipes packages and 65 diaper packs

April, 2025

Hygiene products began: 73 collected/bought; 40 taken
20 Visitors

18 wipes 54 diaper packs

May, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 77

19 visitors + 1 (food, blanket, sleeping bag)

19 wipes 27 diaper packs

New “Boots on the Ground” Ministry

Each year, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach Commission selects a nonprofit to support. This year, we began a new outreach program to create a community diaper/wipe ministry. This community kick off project, which was February 3, 2025, allowed us to begin to serve a very important need for area families.

This ministry is currently funded through Outreach and Vestry monies as well as parish and community donations by bringing the products to the church or by calling the church office at (802) 868-7185. The products offered range from premie diapers through 5T/ 6T and wipes as well as hypoallergenic items. This service is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 - 1.

The Diaper/Wipe Ministry serves families from Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Folks have come not only for products but also for emotional, physical, spiritual support and other critical resources. To quote a Diaper Team member, “I believe that this program is having a definite impact on the people we are ministering to. The people who come in asking for our help are so grateful and thankful we are doing God’s work.”

June Calendar

Sun, 6/1 – Pastoral care meeting, 9:15

Mon 6/2- Outreach meeting, 9am

Tues 6/3- Choir rehearsal, 7pm

Sun 6/8- Pentecost, Graduate Sunday

Mon 6/9- Vestry meeting, 5pm

Tues 6/10- Choir rehearsal, 7pm

Sun, 6/15 – Trinity Sunday

Thurs 6/26- Open Door Dinner, 5:30pm

Morning Prayer Tues-Sat, 8AM Chapel.

May 15 Vestry Meeting

-HVAC system in the church is up & running.

-Champlain Housing Trust will not be acquiring the Sheldon House. So we'll be working to come up with a different plan for that.

-Waiting for structural engineer to assess damage at St. John's.

-Ministry Fair sign-ups are ongoing through Pentecost Sunday.

-Reviewed Sanctuary Diocese information from the Executive Committee of the diocese. This was a "Know your Rights" information document for how to respond if ICE agents show up at the church. Wally & Natalie volunteered to assist with creating a plan for Holy Trinity. We'd like to have another parish member be a part of that. Please talk with Kathleen.

Outreach Bullets

1. Final open door dinner will be on June 26th with a “Picnic Theme Meal” Pigs in the Blanket, fruit salad, potato salad, fruit salad and ice cream.
2. Diaper and Wipe program continues to flourish with the support of many varied individuals and the hard work of Mary Hartman.
3. Great appreciation for our visit to “Safe Roots Healing Collective”. It was decided that we would select this project to be one of the two nonprofits to benefit from the “Pies For Bonnie” fundraiser this year. (other half will go to support our 3rd Service Learning Scholarship offered this year)
4. Revisions are being made to our Outreach Pamphlet.
5. More information to come about our three community canning projects.



St. John's Highgate Raffle Quilt

The St. John's raffle quilt is currently on display in the parish hall. Raffle tickets are for sale during coffee hour. \$5/ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20. Or talk to Sandi Kenyon about tickets. Proceeds will go to restoring the church. The wavy glass windows need some work and recently a floor beam cracked and we're waiting on a structural engineer, and estimates for that. The drawing will be on October 26. The quilt is 87" x 100".

Fellowship News

The BIG activity this summer for Fellowship and the Transition Team will be the Celebration of New Ministry on August 21.

Possible events I'd like input about starting in September are: monthly Pot Lucks followed by board games, puzzle work, ???; monthly family movies with pop corn and beverages; gatherings for HTC members that prefer daytime for crafts, puzzles, tea and cookies.

We will formerly meet in mid June to plan for the Celebration of New Ministry. Helen Short



Welcome Helen to a delicious beginning of your chairing the Fellowship Commission - lovely gathering and thank you - Linda



Martha's Kitchen needs for June:
heads of lettuce cucumbers
tomatoes fresh salad fixings from your garden
Put food in silver treasure chest



Community Meal

Holy Trinity Church Open Door Dinners
Thurs, June 26, 5:30 pm



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Joyfully invites you to our Celebration of
Ministry as we welcome our new Rector
The Rev. Kathleen Schotto
And as we celebrate our ministry to God's
people in our community

Thursday, August 21st, 2025, 6:00 PM

We welcome The Right Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, Presiding

We welcome The Rev. Florence L. Ledyard, Preaching

We welcome our neighbors in Swanton and the surrounding communities.

We welcome children and families.

We welcome all to a festive reception immediately following the liturgy.

Clergy are invited to join the procession in festive attire: white stoles

It's that time of year again friends!

Please join us in community on Friday, July 4th for an afternoon of swimming, fun in the sun, Potluck BBQ, campfire, s'mores (and perhaps fireworks!) on Maquam Shore. If someone brings a guitar, we can make a lot of noise! 130 Maquam Shore Road, Swanton



Steve, Katy, Mary, George & Cindy and the rest of the Marshall Family

Linda B's June Angel Corner from the Heart
Day 1 Happiness can happen when we least expect it with our angel

Day 2 You do so much good

Day 3 Succeed? You know our angel says, you have, you do, you can, you will!!!

Day 4 Your heart is always in the right place with your angel by your side

Day 5 Positive thinking always works & it is free

Day 6 You are better than good enough – you're amazing

Day 7 With our angel by our side we can dream, plan, act, achieve

What you plant today means you believe in tomorrow. Your guardian angel is watching.

There are times when it seems like other people have it all together and like

"everyone" has achieved more than you.

But that's not true & if it were, you already are a winner.

My Guardian Angel

Hold my hand when I am alone

And guide me when I am lost

Console me when I'm filled with sorrow

Be by my side when I need you most

Embrace my heart in yours

Hold my cares upon your wings

My forever guardian angel

Give me strength to bear all things.

My guardian angel says you are one of the best parts of the day. A wish is a powerful thing. Make one. Life is more sunshine than storms. You were born to be happy. Make your day a happy meter hum. Do something fun! Success is 90% inspiration. Let yourself dream. Your angel says worry later. Live now. You're an angel that loves everyone. Angels are called sons and daughters of God because they were directly created by God.

Wing and Harp

And Robe of white

Sliding through the day & night

Spirit being bathed in Light

Invisible among us

We walk by faith not sight

And the heavenly voices that cheer you on.

All you have to do is listen & look with your heart,



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Jeff Williams
5	Sarah Robtoy
8	Mary Gladden
11	Ella Hadd, Amanda Shand
19	Tammy Farr
21	Christie Bruyette
23	Sheri Moore
25	Jason LaFlam, Maggie Short
26	Katy Marshall Baxter
28	Gabrielle Cheney
30	John Edwards, Spencer Short



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4	Erin & Joshua Gagne
20	Cindy & Allen Monahan
28	Sarah & Jon Nielsen
29	Emily & Nick Gover



In New Life

May 9 Susan Daignault

Aimee Hawkin's mother

May 26 Ross Arsenault

James McDonald's uncle

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