



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

March 2026



Pilgrim's Journey - From the Rector

Three years ago, in January 2023 I was fortunate to be a member on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a bit over two weeks counting the travel time to and from....and three years later I am still unpacking the experience.

The program is one led through [Saint George's College in Jerusalem](#). This particular program is called "Jerusalem Ministry Formation" and is designed specifically for those training for ministry as clergy or lay leaders. It is a "study pilgrimage". One in which we learned and traveled and experienced...and also did some work. We had readings to do, lectures to attend and we paired up to each lead a time of meditation and education at one of the sites.

It was an intense experience. Most of my fellow pilgrims were seminary folks who came from the classes ahead of and behind mine as well as several beloved ones with whom I had already journeyed for three years. We visited critical sites, prayed together and shared Eucharist, laughed, cried, ate, shopped and were truly moved throughout our time.

While there I discovered that the place felt familiar to me. A friend who does community organizing talks about certain places having a "DNA of place" for some people. And that is how I felt in Israel – as if I had somehow been there before and was simply remembering it. It was more than simply being where I knew Christ had walked....but I still, three years later cannot explain it. I just know that the trip I thought would be a "one and done" is not. I did not want to leave and I want to go back.

And that makes me think of Lent, a kind of pilgrimage of it's own – one which continues through this month of March. Sometimes it feels as if Lent is simply a part of us. After all we experience it every year. This is a pilgrimage – not a "one and done" kind of season. The readings and prayers are familiar and yet speak differently to us every time we experience them – because we are not the same as we were the last time we heard them. So, my fellow pilgrims, be open to whatever God might be saying to you this month – you might be surprised by what you hear.

Kathleen+

Lent schedule – 2026

*Book study using "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will gather at 5:30pm on Thurs (Feb 26-Mar 26) to discuss the and enjoy soup and bread. Food will be available beginning at 5:30pm; Discussion will begin at 6pm.

*Bible Study in person; 5pm Wed beginning on Mar 4. Join Ada Lyman & others in Upper Room
*March 8, 2026: All Ages formation: Stations of the Cross: Come and learn about this ancient tradition of walking in the footsteps of Christ. After church during Coffee Hour.

Sun, Mar 22: 8 am spoken Eucharist

Palm Sunday, March 29: 10am Eucharist service

Monday, March 30, 6pm, Vespers

Tuesday, March 31, 6pm, Vespers

Wednesday, April 1, 6pm, Seder Meal

Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday 6pm:

Eucharist and stripping of the altar. Prayer Vigil in the chapel to follow

Fri Apr 3 Good Friday, Noon: specifics TBD

6pm, Good Friday service

Easter Sunday, April 5: 10am Eucharist service

ODE TO THE PLOW

Shoveling to clear the driveway of last night's snow

A path down the middle

To ease the task

Half to the right

Half to the left

And seeing the task half done

Due to the rhythm set forth

Getting to the end of the drive

Where it meets the street

And finding the snow and ice packed

Deep and frozen to the pavement

Whereupon the village plowman

Seeing the struggle ahead

Swoops in with blade angled to

Remove with agility any barrier

To completion of the task.

Linda Wirts



Dates: Fri & Sat May 22nd & 23rd, 9:00-3:00
 Trash to Treasure Sale Committee: Deanna Edwards, Ada Lyman, Laura Simon, Mary Wood, Joe Cava
 Each person will have a table to share items for sale. Items to bring would include home and garden items, clothing, baking goods, small electronic items in excellent condition, and antiques. Please note everyone is responsible for items they do not sell.

With the sale being a few months away, you could place a few boxes in the corner of your home and as you come across something that you might want to pass along, you could place it in a box. Then in May, you might have a box of items to turn into treasure. The monies from this fundraiser will be donated to the Rock Point Center. As you might not know, Holy Trinity has had a long history with the center. Several members of our church over the years, have been campers, camp directors, camp cooks, and participated in parish retreats, & have also been instrumental in working to clear trails and work on the Holy Trinity Trail that is located at Rock Point. It is our hope that these experiences can continue in the future. If you would like to call & get donations for a food sale table, please let me know. If you are wish to help with the sale or have items to donate, please speak to one of the members listed above or send me an email at golfwoodmd@comcast.net



As part of our project to educate our parish about the resources of the Rock Point Center, we want to place an art exhibit of the history of Rock Point on the Art Wall for the month of May. We are asking people to be photo detectives and help us collect pictures of our times together at Rock Point. This will be a great opportunity to view Rock Point from the past to the future, as we explore new opportunities for the use of this valued resource for our Diocese.

There will be an envelope in the office for you to add your photos. Please make sure you add a copy of your photo or make sure your photo is marked so we can return it when we take them down from our display.

Potted Plants & Altar Flowers
 The plants in the Parish Hall will be watered alternately between Jill and Linda - Jill in February, Linda in March, etc. The flowers for the altar on Sundays will be planned and arranged by Linda and Laura on alternate months, Linda May, Laura June, etc. and for other occasions as they unfold.

Fellowship

Thank you to all Holy Trinity members who contributed to make our Mardi Gras and Pancake Supper such a success. A special 'Thank You' to Judy Ayers for setting the table and paying attention to details such as the gold, purple, and green napkin being placed in a pattern at the place settings.

Crafts, Cookies, and Tea will be held on March 10th and 24th from 1-3PM in the Chapel which has comfier chairs with good back support.

On March 15th, (the Ides of March- beware, Caesar), the Movie "UP" will be shown in the Parish Hall. This is an intergenerational movie and will be enjoyed by all. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Holy Trinity's annual Seder Meal will be held on April 1st in the Parish Hall. Sign up lists will be posted in the Parish Hall in late March.

HOLY TRINITY AT ROCK POINT

Plans are being made for a Fellowship event at Rock Point on Saturday, October 17th. There is the opportunity to stay overnight in the cabins that sleep 6, have a bathroom with shower, a small refrigerator, and a microwave. The cost to rent a cabin is \$100 dollars a night with a 2 night minimum. The 'brave' could stay overnight on Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th. There would be loose programming of activities. HTC has members who will play instruments for singing around a campfire. On Saturday the 17th activities would be more structured with both outdoor and indoor events. Please speak with Helen Short about a Rock Point excursion.

Helen Short, Fellowship Chair

Linda and I will be at Holy Trinity on Sunday for the Bishop's visitation. I will be the visiting deacon. It was a wonderful visit. You are so blessed to have such a thoughtful priest and congregation. The Rev. James Ballard, Deacon

March Calendar

Sun 3/1- 8am spoken service;10am service w/music
Mon 3/2- Outreach 9am,Diaper/ Ministry, 10am-1pm
Tues 3/3- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Wed 3/4- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Bible Study, 5pm
Thurs 3/5- Lenten Book Study & dinner, 5:30pm
Mon 3/9- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Vestry meeting, 5
Tues 3/10- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir 7
Wed 3/11- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Bible Study, 5pm
Thurs 3/12- Lenten Book Study & dinner, 5:30pm
Sun 3/15- Movie-2:30
Mon 3/16- Diaper/Wipe Ministry, 10am-1pm
Tues 3/17- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Wed 3/18- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Bible Study, 5pm
Thurs 3/19- Lenten Book Study & dinner, 5:30pm
Sun, 3/22 8 am spoken Eucharist, 10 am Eucharist
Mon 3/23- Diaper/Wipe Ministry, 10am-1pm
Tues 3/24- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir 7pm
Wed 3/25- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Bible Study, 5pm
Thurs 3/26- Lenten Book Study & dinner, 5:30pm
Mon 3/30- Diaper Ministry, 10-1, Vespers 6pm
Tues 3/31- Vespers 6pm, Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

BIBLE STUDY

Join Ada Lyman on a journey of biblical discovery every Wednesday evening at 5 pm starting March 4th in the upper room. Participants will read selected passages from Genesis to Revelation and meet weekly for lively discussion and interpretation. The curriculum is based on the award-winning book "The Path: A Journey Through the Bible," by Melody Wilson Shobe. Although the book is not needed to participate in the weekly study, it is a helpful resource with commentary from the author. It can be purchased from Forward Movement online (forwardmovement.org). Additionally, Ada has a copy of the book and can provide chapters for anyone who would like them. Please contact Ada at msadabee@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Diaper Ministry Update

Open Mon and Wed 10 - 1

January, 2026 16 visits

10 wipes packages 32 diaper packs

77 Personal care products

February, 2026 18 visits

18 wipes packages, 22 diaper packs

65 Personal care products

After School Program Collection

If you are cleaning out please save:

wire hangers	artificial flowers
large pine cones	plastic tablecloths
small jingle bells	yarn

Please place items in the box/bag in the Narthex.

. Thank You!!!!



Contact Age Well: Visit agewellvt.org or call them to **register** and learn about the specific locations and times for meals at Holy Trinity and elsewhere

Do You Want to Help?: Age Well can always use volunteers to help with their programs. If you are interested in helping here at Holy Trinity, please give Laura Need a call at Age Well to volunteer
Date: March 19 (Third Thurs of each month)
Time:12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

ORGANIZER: Age Well Phone 802-865-0360
VENUE Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Update

*The St. John's Commission requested grant funding from the Diocese to recoup the cost of fixing the floor. The Commission on Finance agreed to grant the full amount requested of \$11,700. This will allow for the \$6,000 loan from Holy Trinity to be paid back as well as replace money spent out of the St. John's capital account which will allow for other work to happen that was postponed when the floor had to be repaired. Stay tuned as plans are made for the upcoming program year.

*The installation of our heat pumps last spring went well and they work extremely well for cooling and heating. However, because of our extreme cold, the heat pumps have had to work very hard and our electric bills have been extremely high. For the moment, the heat pumps are turned off and the gas furnace is being used to heat the church. The heat during the week will be kept lower and increased for services, choir practice and at other times when it is needed. This will likely be the plan moving forward in the future for the months in which the temperature tends to be 30° or lower.

*Tom Hubbard has agreed to serve as the new vestry clerk

*Trash to Treasure sale is back and will be happening on Friday, May 22 and Saturday May 23. All proceeds will go to benefit Rock Point Center.

Open Door Dinners

Nativity/St. Louis

Thursdays Mar 12, 5:30

Holy Trinity

Thursdays Apr 23, May 28, Jun 25

Linda B's March Angels Corner from the Heart
Day 1- Someone thinks the world of you. Your angel knows

Day 2 - Your smile makes every day brighter

Day 3 - Hope is the best habit to have

Day 4 - Believe in you. You have many reasons to

Day 5 - Dear angels in heaven, you're the kind of person people feel lucky to know

Day 6 - You are ready for success

Day 7 - Picture, plan, do. That is how dreams come true

Revel in the Divine Presence of an angel. It is wonderful

With angel mail you write your special request on a piece of paper and mail it to the angel. Thank the angels as if the request has already been granted.

Believers, look up, take courage; the angels are nearer than you think

Scripture reveals that a primary function of angels is to worship and praise Almighty God. In fact day and night if possible.

Angels live forever; once created they never cease to exist. Angels are not subject to death Does everyone have an angel? I would like to believe it is true but if there is a shortage I will gladly share mine with you

Angels awaken my mind to possibilities - on earth, in heaven, and in myself

How many angels are there? One who transforms our life is plenty

We are most lie angels when we stand ready to serve the good inside us

Angels surround our lives with love and protect us. Know that they are among us to ease our burdens, shield us from evil, lighten our hearts, and guide us along the journey

There is not a valley low enough that an angel cannot carry you through it.

Angel

Open my eyes to see you

Open my ears to hear your voice

Open my heart to receive your word

Open my hand to accept whatever you give

Dear angel, you are good and you do what is good

Today is a good day to have a good day

Our angels, may God give us light to guide us

Courage to support us

And love to unite us, now and evermore.

May our angels always watch over you



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Leanne Hill, Drew Wood

7 Suzy Kenyon

9 Hugh Kenyon

13 Crystal Lampman

18 Helen Short

27 Judy Ayer

30 Sandy Hersey

Confirmed

Feb 1

Ada Stacy Lyman

Received

Feb 1

Timothy Robert Lyman



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