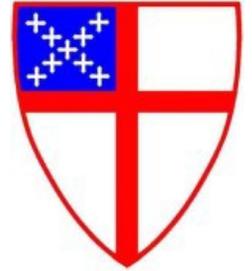


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STEWARDSHIP 2018

Each year we have a stewardship drive in the fall. Sometimes it's very complex and we spend a lot of time on it and other years it's pretty simple. The goal is usually to raise our level of giving but more importantly to come to a better understanding of the importance of sacrificial giving in our spiritual lives.

We plan to have a stewardship campaign this year also and hope that, in that process, each of us will prayerfully consider his or her level of giving.

We are in a somewhat different situation this year than we have been in the past few years. For the first time in a number of years, we expect that in 2018 we will be able to pay our bills from the income we receive without drawing any funds from our endowment.

That's great news. But if we increase our giving, it is valid to ask the question, "What will these additional funds be used for?" Do we have a vision for Trinity stewardship?

There are so many things we could do.

We could spend extra funds on Trinity itself. For example, we could increase the hours that we offer a missional priest from the minimum of 10 to 12 to something closer to the maximum 19 hours a week. Or we could help fund some of the optional capital projects such as air conditioning in the Bishop Seabury Room. Or we could use it to make our parish kitchen more usable for feeding the hungry in our community.

We could use extra funds outside our parish. We could, for example, fund a full university education for several students in Nigeria or participate in one of the initiatives that provide clean water and farming supplies to poor rural areas.

There is so much we could do. What is your vision for Trinity's stewardship?

As part of our stewardship campaign we are planning to hold an all-parish meeting to envision stewardship at Trinity. This will take place on October 28 in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Exploring the Parables - You may think you know all about the Parables since you've been hearing them since church school but exploring them together brings an entirely new dimension and depth to our understanding. Tuesday evenings at 7, September 11 through November 27, Bishop Seabury Room.

Bible Study - Our faithful group of attendees and anyone new who would like to join will continue studying the Scriptures. Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Bishop Seabury Room.

Growing in Grace: An Exploration of Our Faith for Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and Renewal will begin in September as a course for adults and teenagers who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, and any member who wishes to renew and reaffirm their own understanding of their faith. We will meet on the third Sunday of each month after the worship service. Just grab a cup of coffee and gather in the Bishop Seabury Room for an hour of teaching and discussion time. At the end of each teaching session, we will break up into smaller groups for discussion and prayer. Teen members will have their own discussion group with their adult mentors.

The classes will be led by Father Tom Furrer and Bishop Gordon Scruton who are both very excited to be teaching. They hope that many of us will join them in learning more about the great adventure of following, loving and serving Jesus.

September 23

I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth - honoring the Creator by honoring creatures and creation

October 21

I Believe in the Son - God's work of redemption in Jesus and in each one of us

November 18

I Believe in the Holy Spirit - the work, gifts, and fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives now

December 16

I Believe in the Holy, Catholic Church - church history and Episcopal /Anglican identity within the larger picture

January 20

Apostles' Teaching - how God speaks to us through the Bible

February 17

And Fellowship - how God strengthens our faith and character through the Christian community

March 17

Breaking of Bread - how God connects us to Jesus through the sacraments

April 14

The Prayers - how God strengthens our faith through personal and community prayers

May 19

Proclaim by Word and Example - how telling others strengthens our willingness to serve and how serving reinforces our credibility in telling

June 16

Seek and Serve Christ in All and Love Neighbor as Self - demonstrating the love of Jesus through works of mercy, compassion and justice

UPCOMING EVENTS

From the 50s to Now Concert – September 8

Come together to listen, sing, dance and just have plain old fun. Sal Basile's "From the 50s to Now" concert will take place in the parish hall on at 7 pm. For details, see the ad in this newsletter.

North Central Region Convocation – September 15

Mark your calendars for the Convocation of the North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. This event brings together parishes for a morning of fellowship, learning and prayer with a good deal of laughter sprinkled in. The Convocation will take place in at St. Alban's, Simsbury from 9 to 1. Although we offered to host this event, our handicap accessibility is not sufficient, so the convocation had to be moved elsewhere.

This should be a lively and enlightening event and all are welcome. Carpooling will take place from Trinity. See the weekly bulletin insert and parish news email or call the office for more information.

The Cathedral Dinner – September 24

Many of us support Cathedral dinners either by volunteering to cook and serve meals or by contributing food. Our next dinner is scheduled for Monday, September 24. Volunteers arrive at the Cathedral soup kitchen at 4:30 pm and are usually done before 7 pm. Hams and other food items are very much appreciated. Please check the sign-up sheet in church or contact Warren & Lynda Blessing to see how you can help.

Have
Faith
in
GOD

FINANCIAL

Total Annual Pledge	\$80,845
Pledge Budget 1/1 - 7/31	\$47,160
Received through 7/31	\$53,684
Difference	+\$ 6,524

Income/Expense as of July 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$68,862	\$64,946
Expenses	\$85,586	\$79,297

PLEDGE



REPORT

NOTE

Nothing transferred from investments to cover 2018 expenses as of 7/31/18

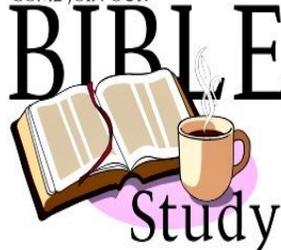
MORNING PRAYER

Please join us for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Mid-week Morning Prayer resumes on Wednesday, September 5 at 8 am in the side chapel. All are welcome. The facilitator will be Rebecca Scruton



Thank You, LORD!

COME JOIN OUR

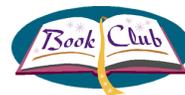


Thursday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 6 at 10:30 am. We will meet in the Bishop Seabury Room for a time of studying the Scripture, seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit in

our personal and communal life. All are welcome. Come early for conversation and connecting. Facilitator: Rebecca Scruton.

After Jesus died, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in His followers. Thus as we love and serve Jesus, we see Him active in our lives. And, amazingly, those around us too can see Jesus.

BOOK CLUB



The evening book club will meet on Monday, September 17 at 5:45 pm at the home of Joan Joseph for our annual Planning and Pizza Night. Bring your suggestions and your calendar as we plan for the coming year. Our first selection for October will be **The One in a Million Boy** by Monica Wood.

LADIES LUNCHEON & BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet on September 10 at Sue Ellen DeCesare's home. The book is **The German Girl** by Armando Lucas Carrea and also the other summer read is a classic of the reader's choice. The meeting starts at 10:30 am.



The Ladies Luncheon will start up on October 2 at 12 pm. The restaurant will be announced in the October Belfry. All are welcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Opener	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Carol Jones	Carol Jones	Denise Paternostro
Celebrant	Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Tom Furrer
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Marie Stavola	Sal Basile	Ray Colburn	Carol Jones	Joan Joseph
Lector	Cheryl Chadsey	Kathy Cole	Marty Koehler	Paul Milne	Garth Myer
Intercessor	Carol Jones	Denise Paternostro	Cheryl Chadsey	Rose Riley	Judith Shaw
Ushers	Denise Paternostro Michael Kucka	David and Mary Chellstorp	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Jerry Stavola Michael Kucka
Closer	Kathy Cole	Denise Paternostro	Rose Riley	Kathy Cole	Denise Paternostro

SUNDAY COUNTERS

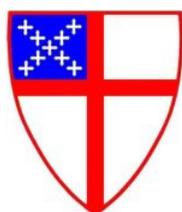
Sept 2 - Rose Riley & Connie Harasymiw
 Sept 16 - Leslie Jones & Diane Zarillo
 Sept 30 - TBD

Sept 9 - Nancy Knapp & Denise Paternostro
 Sept 23 - Garth Myers & Clark Tomlinson

CLERGY ROTATION

OCTOBER

7	Proper 22	Gordon Scruton
14	Proper 23	Valerie Miller
21	Proper 24	Judith Alexis
28	Proper 25	Tom Furrer



NOVEMBER

4	Proper 26	Gordon Scruton
11	Proper 27	Valerie Miller
18	Proper 28	Tom Furrer
25	Proper 29	Judith Alexis

DECEMBER

2	Advent 1	Gordon Scruton	24 Christmas Eve	Tom Furrer
9	Advent 2	Valerie Miller	25 Christmas Day	Judith Alexis
16	Advent 3	Tom Furrer	30 First Sunday after Christmas	Judith Alexis
23	Advent 4	Tom Furrer		

BELFRY DEADLINES FOR 2018 & 2019

OCT Friday, September 24
JAN Friday, December 21

NOV Monday, October 22
JAN Tuesday, January 22

DEC Wednesday, November 21
FEB Tuesday, February 22

FROM THE 50S TO NOW CONCERT



Sal Basile will present a bistro-style concert on Saturday, September 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall for the benefit of our parish. Come join the fun with Sal playing guitar and an evening of singing and dancing. Hot and cold appetizers, fruit, crackers and cheese, and punch will be provided. If you have a favorite appetizer recipe, please make it and bring to share. We are asking for appetizers only (please do not bring casseroles or salads). \$10 at the door.



DON'T MISS THE CHILI AND RICE & BEANS COOK-OFF!

Sunday, September 30
5 pm in our Parish Hall

Come sample the food and vote for your favorite dish!

We have teamed up with our friends at St. James', Glastonbury to increase awareness of world hunger and to raise money to help support Hands on Hartford, a nonprofit organization that serves Hartford's neediest residents in the areas of food, housing, and health.

Adults \$10, Children (ages 3 to 12) \$3, \$25 for a Family of 5 or more (2 adults only). You may pay at the door.

Property - Our next group project is September 21 & 22

Plans are being made to paint the two bathrooms just off the Parish Hall. We are planning to split it between two days so we can do some preparation and preliminary painting one day and final painting the next day. We can't get too many people at one time in the rooms so splitting it up is also needed. You can pick your day or help out on both. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Any questions, please contact Warren Blessing.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – LOCAL/REGIONAL/WORLDWIDE

Nigerian School Children Collection Thanks to so many of you who took part in this great opportunity to send 40 orphan children to school in Bishop Marcus Dogo's Kafanchan Diocese of Nigeria. Your response was amazing! The money will be wired to him before the school year begins. The total amount collected is \$2,000. The Holy Spirit is at work at Trinity!

CHILI & RICE & BEANS COOK-OFF September 30 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us and the community in this event that has taken on “a life of its own” for the last 11 years. For the second year St. James, Glastonbury is participating with Trinity. So far 17 people from the combined churches are cooking, and the recipes are evenly divided between the two categories. This year we have some new cooks along with many of the faithful group that have done this since the beginning. Some dishes are spicy but many are not. The food is served in 2 oz. taster cups so that you can try whatever foods you wish and go back for more of your favorites. There are two competitions – a Judged and a People's Choice for each category. You are urged to vote for the latter. This year we are adding a Popular Choice – 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes for whichever of the above two categories get the most votes. Pay at the door cost is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 3 to 12), and \$25 for a family of 5 or more (2 adults only). The profit this year goes to Hands on Hartford which both Trinity and St. James support. Our parishioners have been wonderful in helping the Outreach Committee provide desserts, water, and soda for this event. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church for this purpose, and this year there will be a column for corn bread since that was so popular in Glastonbury last year.

Wethersfield Food Bank The Food Bank is currently in need of the following items: rice, pasta sauce, tuna, canned soups, canned pasta, canned chicken, jelly, peanut butter, snack foods. Thank you!

South Park Inn Please continue to place donations for this Hartford shelter in the box in the Parish Hall. Always needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, spray deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, towels, pillow cases, twin flat and fitted sheets.

Syrian Family in Wethersfield There is a basket in the Parish Hall for the family we are helping, and they are so grateful for the items and gift cards you have donated. A recent delivery was made of the paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, cleaning detergent). Personal care items such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap (bar and/or liquid) along with household cleaning supplies such as Windex, Mister Clean, bleach, and laundry detergent are always needed.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:

September 8 From the 50's To Now, Sal Basile Concert, 7 pm, Parish Hall

September 30 Chili & Rice & Beans Cook-Off 5 pm, Parish Hall

November 10 Golden Oldies Concert, Sal Basile, 7 pm, Parish Hall

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OFFICE HOURS

TUE, WED & THURS

9 AM TO 12 PM



MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Church is an ever-evolving Christian Community committed to deepening our relationship with God by:

offering worship and education for all ages,

caring for and servicing one another and those beyond our community,

being open and welcoming.



Thank You, LORD!

THE PRAYER FOR PARISH MISSION

Dear and Gracious God, Please send us the people we need in order to become the church You want us to be, and please send us the people who need us in order to become the people You want them to be. Help us to respond with love to those You send, making room for them at our table and in our hearts so that together we can share Your love with our neighbors in need both locally and around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who met people where they were, loved and cared for them, and invited them into a deeper relationship with You. Amen.