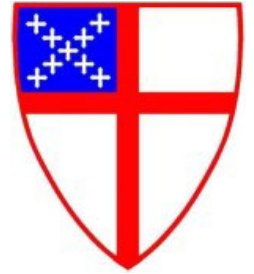


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REFLECTION - OUR JOURNEY FORWARD

I know not where the road will lead

I follow day by day,

Or where it ends: I only know

I walk the King's highway.

I know not if the way is long,

And no one else can say;

But rough or smooth, up hill or down,

I walk the King's highway.

Verses 1 - 2, I Walk the King's Highway -1982 Hymnal

Lately the words to this wonderful American hymn have seemed very applicable to us here at Trinity. What I have seen in the last few years is an ever increasing trust and faith in the Lord and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This trust makes us willing to try to listen and discern the will of God; to take risks and to try things on and see if they work.

As we set off on a journey with Grace Newington, this trust is extremely important. We don't know where this journey will end. We don't know if we will find a missional priest who will serve both our parishes with separate letters of agreement or if we will simply find many opportunities for our two parishes to work together to better serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whatever the future holds for us, the spirit of trust and faith in the Holy Spirit is so apparent in this congregation and it is such a source of joy.

God's
Love
Never
Fails

PLEDGE STATUS AS OF MAY 31, 2018 - *ROB HEATH*

Total Annual Pledge	\$80,845
Pledge Budget 1/1 - 5/31	\$33,685
Received Through 5/31	\$40,707
Difference	+\$ 7,022



Income/Expense as of May 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$52,372	\$46,390
Expenses	\$56,816	\$56,641

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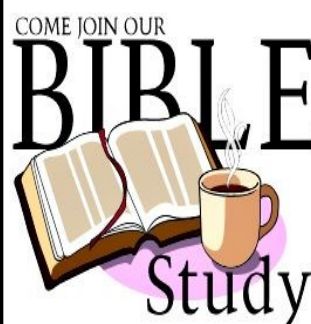
Nothing transferred from investments to cover 2018 expenses as of 5/31/18

MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday Morning Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. will not meet during the summer months, effective June 27. It will resume on Wednesday, September 5. Please continue to pray daily for Trinity Parish and the working out of God's purpose in and through us. For those with access to the internet the website "Mission St. Clare" provides the daily Morning Prayer Service as found in the Book of Common Prayer. This includes the daily readings and prayers. Please contact Rebecca Scruton with any questions. May your Summer be filled with "the Glory of God".



BIBLE STUDY - *REBECCA SCRUTON*



Bible Study: The Thursday morning Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles, led by Fr. Tom, will finish on June 28. There will be no Bible Study July 5. Class will resume at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12 using the South African Bible Study. Due to Summer schedules, ongoing updates will be forth coming. Rebecca Scruton, along with others, will be facilitating these sessions.

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BOOK CLUB - *JOAN JOSEPH*



The next evening book club will be our annual "Planning and Pizza" meeting on Monday, Sept. 17 at 5:45 p.m. at the home of Joan Joseph. Bring your suggestions and your calendar as we plan for the coming year of reading. Heads up for October: *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood. **See you in September!**

LADIES LUNCHEON & BOOK CLUB - *SUE DECESARE*

The Ladies Luncheon will start up again in October and the schedule will be in the September Belfry. The Ladies Luncheon is on the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.




The Morning Book Club will start up again in September. The morning book club meets the second Monday of the month starting in September and it will be in the August Belfry. All are welcome. **Note: The summer read is a classic book of the readers choice; to be discussed at the September Meeting.**

JULY 2018 MINISTRY SCHEDULE - DENISE PATERNOSTRO

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Opener	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro
Celebrant	Rev. Tom Furrer	Rev. Tom Furrer	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Valerie Miller
Eucharistic Minister	Sal Basile	Denise Paternostro	Ginger Smith	Sal Basile	Ray Colburn
Lector	Carol Jones	Joan Joseph	Marty Koehler	Geraldeen Loochman	Paul Milne
Intercessor	Rose Riley	Judy Shaw	Ginger Smith	Cheryl Chadsey	Denise Paternostro
Ushers	Denise Michel Kucka	David & Mary Chellstorp	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro
Closer	Kathy Cole	Denise Paternostro	Rose Riley	Kathy Cole	Denise Paternostro

CLERGY ROTATION - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018

AUGUST 2018				SEPTEMBER		
5	Proper 13	Valerie Miller		2	Proper 17	Gordon Scruton
12	Proper 14	Judith Alexis	9	Proper 18	Judith Alexis	
19	Proper 15	Judith Alexis	16	Proper 19	Judith Alexis	
26	Proper 16	Tom Furrer	23	Proper 20	Valerie Miller	

SUNDAY COUNTERS - KATHY COLE

July 8 - Nancy Knapp & Denise Paternostro

July 22 - Garth Myers & Diane Zarillo

BELFRY DEADLINES

AUG Sunday, July 22

SEP Sunday, August 22

OCT Friday, September 24

NOV Monday, October 22

DEC Wednesday, November 21

JAN Wednesday, December 21

AUGUST 2018 MINISTRY SCHEDULE - DENISE PATERNOSTRO

	August 5	August 2	August 19	August 26
Opener	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro
Celebrant	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Judith Alexis	Rev. Tom Furrer
Eucharistic Minister	Carol Jones	Joan Joseph	Denise Paternostro	Ginger Smith
Lector	Garth Myer	Rose Riley	Judith Shaw	Ginger Smith
Intercessor	Cheryl Chadsey	Denise Paternostro	Kathy Cole	Carol Jones
Ushers	Denise Paternostro Michael Kucka	David & Mary Chellstorp	Denise Paternostro	Denise Paternostro
Closer	Rose Riley	Kathy Cole	Denise Paternostro	Rose Riley

SUNDAY COUNTERS - KATHY COLE

August 5 - Rose Riley & Connie Harasymiw

August 19 - Leslie Jones & Clark Tomlinson



Matthew - Mark - Luke - John - Acts

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – LOCAL/REGIONAL/WORLDWIDE - MARILYN FORD

Teddy Bears & Friends - 3 bags of stuffed animals were delivered to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thanks to all who contributed. They were much appreciated.

Visit of Bishop Marcus and his wife, Nana. The Outreach Committee was pleased to present a check for \$1,550 to Bishop Marcus and Fr. Tom Furrer to go toward medical supplies for the newest hospital in Gidan Waya. Many of you attended the reception held for them in June.

St. Vincent's Center for Children with Disabilities. We were also pleased to send a check for \$1,550 to St. Vincent's to be used where it is most needed. The school has hired an "impactful School Principal" and has begun the process of transforming education in Haiti. They have changed their name by incorporating all the entities such as "Friends of St. Vincent's" and "Children's Medical Mission of Haiti" into St. Vincent's Center for Children with Disabilities.

Syrian Family in Wethersfield. We continue to visit and work with this wonderful family who are being as independent as possible. Rose and I joined them for a delicious dinner at their home. Two air conditioners have been delivered to them - one Warren delivered (found in church garage) and the other was donated and delivered by a family member. A bin has been set up in the Parish Hall marked "Syrian Family" with the items they can use. Erin Flinn, our North Central Region Missionary told us that serving refugees is a deeply needed mission, and we are one of eight churches in our District doing so.

Wethersfield Food Bank. The Wethersfield Food Bank is currently in need of the following items: peanut butter, baked beans, canned chicken, black beans, kidney beans, and garbanzo beans. The following items are the staples that are always needed: canned pasta, rice, cans of chunk chicken, jelly (plastic cans or bottles), peanut butter, tuna in water, cans of fruit (100% juice or water), unsweetened applesauce, low sodium soups (480mg or less sodium), canned tomatoes (no salt added), tomato sauce (low sodium), spaghetti sauce (low sodium), canned vegetables (no salt added), granola bars, fresh produce, cereal. Thanks to Anne Tranberg for delivering these items to Wethersfield Social Services.

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

Chili, Rice & Bean Cook-off – September 30. Some of our newer members have asked about this event coming up which will be our eleventh year and second with St. James' Episcopal Church, Glastonbury. It will be held at 5:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. It is a fun evening that has "taken on a life of its own". Please save the date and join us. We hope to once again have a good crowd to support all the participating cooks who come with great recipes and serve the food in taster cups. It would be great to have a few more people making Rice & Beans recipes since we have a good number of Chili people, and St. James' last year did only Chili. We still want our Chili cooks to return but need to balance. There are two competitions – a Judged and People's Choice for each category. More details will be in the August and September Belfry. The profit goes to an organization in the mission field (local, regional or worldwide) decided upon jointly with St. James'. Please call me at: 860-529-1868, see me in church, or email me at mhford1@cox.net if you are willing to cook.

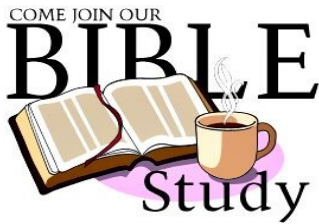
Upcoming Calendar Events:

September 8 "From the 50's to Now" - Sal Basile Concert – 7 p.m. - Parish Hall

September 30 "Rice & Beans + Chili Cook-Off" - 5 p.m. - Parish Hall

November 10, "Golden Oldies Concert" - 7 p.m. - Sal Basile Concert - Parish Hall

EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Trinity is offering an evening bible study this summer to study readings from scripture in relationship to the *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis* statement issued earlier this year by the Most Reverend Bishop Michael Curry and church leaders from a number of other denominations. Classes will meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Bishop Seabury Room, **beginning the week, June 19** and continuing through August 21, with the exception of July 3. Please join us as we explore this wonderful confession of faith. This document is available online at ReclaimingJesus.org. Printed copies are available at the back of the church. If possible, please contact Rose Riley, Carol Jones or the office and let them know you are coming so that we will have enough copies of handouts.

MINISTRY CORNER

Making Music at Trinity: This spring we began to introduce some new music - new to us anyway - at Trinity. So far it's just a few hymns and some wonderful music provided by our church musicians either as part of the choir or as small groups. Most of our hymn choices were from music suggested by parish members. We are going to continue this during the summer. We will introduce several more modern hymns, revisit a couple that we've sung in the last few months, have the pleasure of singing with one of our church instrumentalists on one Sunday and hopefully have one Choir Sunday. We've also formed a small music team. You can let the music team know if there's something you have particularly enjoyed singing at Trinity or if there is something that you sang elsewhere that you would like us to bring to Trinity by calling the office or emailing office at: operations@trinityepiscopalweth.org, subject line: Music Suggestions or by dropping a note in the collection plate.

VISIT FROM OUR NORTH-CENTRAL REGION MISSIONARY

On June 17, Erin Flinn, our Missionary for the North-Central Region visited Trinity to preach and meet with us at an Adult Forum to talk about her wonderful ministry coordinating and encouraging the North-central region of the Episcopal Church of Connecticut (ECCT).

If you would like to know more about this ministry and the North-central region visit the ECCT site: <https://www.episcopalct.org/northcentral/>

BISHOP MARCUS DOGO & HIS WIFE NANA

Father Tom Furrer arranged a visit on Friday, June 15, 2018 for Bishop Marcus and Nana to discuss their ministries. Bishop Markus is the spiritual head of the Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria. Kafanchan Diocese comprises 150 parishes in southern Kaduna State. Nana is the head of the mother's Union of Kafanchan Diocese and a force to be reckoned with in her motivation to empower women.

Both Bishop Marcus and Nana were well received. What we take for granted, electricity, water, food, liveable wages are non-existent in that part of the world. Many from Trinity were able to attend and after their talk we had a reception with lots of good food.



FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH GRACE NEWINGTON - ROSE RILEY

Our friends at Grace Episcopal, Newington have invited us to join them at their "High Noon" events – opportunities for fun and fellowship! I've included their summer schedule here. Look at our website for the entire year's schedule of events.

Grace Episcopal Church – Newington - *All Events are on Monday at 12:00 p.m.*

July 23 – Shore Excursion – Lobster Rolls (or other choices) at Lobster Landing in Clinton eating at dock side – Hammanosett Beach – short stroll – Meet at Church at noon to car pool.

September 10 – Farm Museum at Kellogg Eddy House – Following bring your own lunch in Parish Hall carpool to museum.

We are welcome to attend any of the events. Normally RSVPs are not necessary - just show up, but since a meal is provided at the June Picnic and December Party a 'heads up' would be appreciated but not absolutely required.

Please contact JoAnn Cromwell joann4avon@cox.net or Walt Parker walpar@hotmail.com with questions.

COMMUNITY MEAL

On Wednesday, July fourth Hands on Hartford will open our doors and hearts to share Independence Day together. We are seeking the assistance of volunteers to partner with us on this festive occasion as we serve a delicious holiday meal to our neighbors.

Location: Hands On Hartford, Center for Community, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT.

Key Responsibilities: Event set-up; Food preparation; Serve meal and engage with guests; Run games and activities; Event clean-up (including washing dishes and wiping down tables).

Time Commitment: We are requesting that volunteers arrive at 9:00 a.m. and stay until 2:00/2:30 p.m. The meal will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Warren Blessing (ctvalleywc@yahoo.com or [860-742-3253](tel:860-742-3253)) if you would like to participate in this event. Please let him know if you would like to carpool or to partner with someone else from Trinity. The following pdf provides more information about the event: <http://handsonhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/July-4th-Volunteer-Description-2018.pdf>

WALKING WITH THE WORD

This summer join us for a study of Jesus' parables on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. from July 11 to August 29 in the Seabury Room. We will begin with a reading of one of the parables, followed by a 20-minute walk around Old Wethersfield. We then return to the Seabury Room where we will read a second version of the same parable, followed by discussion. Cold water and fruit will be provided. If it rains, we will move into the Seabury Room. If you have any questions, please see Denise Paternostro. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

PARISH PICNIC - JULY 29TH 12:30 - 5:00 P.M.

Join the fun! Trinity Parish members will have an opportunity to enjoy the beauties of Lake Haywood in East Haddam, good food and fellowship on Sunday July 29 from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. Lake Hayward is about 30 to 35 minutes from Wethersfield right off of Route 2, directions will be emailed or you can pickup a copy in back of the church. We have use of the Pavilion on the Beach and access to the water for swimming & boating. Canoes and kayaks can be launched directly from the beach. Bring your beach towel, beach chair and a potluck dish. Trinity will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks. Carpooling from Trinity to Lake Hayward is strongly recommended since parking is limited. More information about carpooling will be sent closer to the date of the picnic.

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TUE, WED & THURS

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



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.