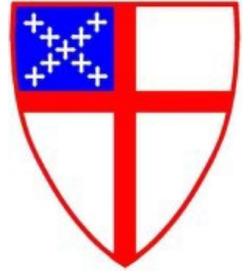


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General

REFLECTION -DENISE PATERNOSTRO

Safe Church Training: On April 14th Kathy Cole, Rose Riley and I drove out to St. Stephens in Litchfield for a Safe Church Training Session. It was a glorious spring day and we felt a little disappointed that we were going to have to spend the day inside. However, it turned out to be an excellent training.

Safe Church examines the ministerial relations between people with power and the vulnerable. Generally, the person offering ministry (lay or ordained) has more power than the recipient of the ministry. It is up to the person offering the ministry to ensure that his or her actions are for the benefit of the other and to maintain appropriate boundaries. These relations are based on trust. When trust is violated in a community of faith, harm can be caused to individuals and the community. The training uses case studies to present procedures to use in situations where trust has broken down.

As we continue to grow in our lay led church, Safe Church procedures will help Trinity to better interact with each other and the community. To that end, if other parishioners are interested in attending this training, they should contact the Wardens; Denise or Rose.



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

Total Annual Pledge	\$80,845
Pledge Budget 1/1 - 3/31	\$20,211
Received Through 3/31	\$24,983
Difference	+\$ 4,772



Income/Expense as of March 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$33,742	\$27,834
Expenses	\$37,258	\$33,984

NOTE

Nothing transferred from investments to cover 2018 expenses as of 3/31/18

MORNING PRAYER

Wednesdays in the Chapel from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. A gentle time of reflection, prayer and scripture readings. All are welcomed.



BIBLE STUDY - *REBECCA SCRUTON*

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Seabury Room. Please come early if you wish to socialize and re-connect. Door will be open by 10:00 a.m. Please contact Rebecca Scruton at 860-436-4288 with any questions.



NOTE: A special program will be offered by Father Tom Furrer through the end of May. All are welcomed to attend; see page 7. Regular Bible Study will resume in June.

Hope to see to see you there!

SUNDAY COUNTERS - *KATHY COLE*

- May 6 – Rose Riley and Connie Harasymiw
- May 13 – Nancy Knapp and Denise Paternostro
- May 20 – Leslie Jones and Diane Zarillo
- May 27 – Garth Myers and Clark Tomlinson

BOOK CLUB - *JOAN JOSEPH*



The evening book club will meet on Monday, May 21 at 5:45 p.m. at the home of Liz Zawadski. The group will discuss **Manhattan Beach** by Jennifer Egan.

LADIES LUNCHEON & BOOK CLUB - *SUE DECESARE*

The Ladies Luncheon will meet on May 1st and will be held at the First & Last Restaurant in Glastonbury at 12 noon. All are welcome. If in need of a ride please call Sue Ellen DeCesare (860) 214-2498.



The Morning book club will meet on May 14th at 10:30 am and will be held at Jan Rouse's house (860) 529-5139. The book is **Almost French** by Sarah Turnbull. All are welcome. Call Sue Ellen DeCesare (860-214-2498) if in need of a ride.

MAY 2018 MINISTRY SCHEDULE - DENISE PATERNOSTRO

	May 6, 2018 Easter 6	May 13, 2018 Easter 7	May 20, 2018 Pentecost	May 27, 2018 Trinity/Memorial Day
Opener	Denise Paternostro	Carol Jones	Ginger Smith	Denise Paternostro
Celebrant	Rev. Julie Mudge	Rev. Tom Furrer	Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton	Rev. Valerie Miller
Eucharistic Minister	Ray Colburn	Carol Jones	Ginger Smith	Denise Paternostro
Lector	Donna Brown	Ray Colburn	Marty Koehler	Garth Myers
Prayers of the People	Cheryl Chadsey	Kathy Cole	Carol Jones	Rose Riley
Ushers	Denise Carson Denise Paternostro	Michael Kucka Jerry Stavola	Dave & Mary Chellstorp	Cheryl Chadsey Michael Kucka
Closer	Kathy Cole	Rose Riley	Denise Paternostro	Kathy Cole

SUPPLY CLERGY ROTATION - JUNE - AUGUST 2018

JUNE 2018

3 Julie Mudge
10 Tom Furrer
17 Valerie Miller
24 Gordon Scruton



JULY 2018

1 Tom Furrer
8 Tom Furrer
15 Judith Alexis
22 Judith Alexis
29 Valerie Miller



AUGUST 2018

5 Valerie Miller
12 Judith Alexis
19 Judith Alexis
26 Tom Furrer

BELFRY DEADLINES FOR 2018

JUN Tuesday, May 22

JUL Thursday, June 21

AUG Sunday, July 22

SEP Sunday, August 22

OCT Friday, September 24

NOV Monday, October 22

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

Syrian Refugee Family. Trinity is a giving church! This fact has once again come to the forefront with your generous donations to the family living in Wethersfield. The Wethersfield Social Services has provided the family with a tutor and is working with them on a regular basis. The items you have donated are a supplement to help make their lives a little easier. Thank you from the Outreach Committee for your response to our request!

May 19 "Golden Oldies" Concert – 7:00 pm. Presented by our own Sal Basile playing guitar and singing favorite songs in the Parish Hall. Bistro-Style seating, hot and cold appetizers, fruit and punch will be provided. If you have a favorite appetizer recipe, please make it and bring to share as many of you do each time Sal generously provides an evening of wonderful music and a fun time! \$10.00 at the door with proceeds to benefit Trinity's Outreach Committee Programs in Wethersfield, Hartford, Haiti and Nigeria.

Teddy Bear Sunday, June 3. For those who like to participate in this annual event, please bring a NEW Teddy Bear or friend on June 3. Your gift of a cuddly stuffed animal will bring a smile to a child at The Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford. Each child receives a stuffed animal whether an inpatient or not. If they are not admitted, they receive one while being treated and then take it home with them. Please note that the bears and friends **must be purchased within 30 days in order for CCMC to accept them.**

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 (480 mg 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. Friday, April 20 was a beautiful day - full of springtime sunshine - and I thought that the people sitting or sleeping on the park benches at South Park had at least this sunshine to warm them.

My husband Ray and I were making a trip to South Park Inn to deliver the many offerings that Trinity parish members had made during the Sundays of Lent. Inside South Park Inn, the staff gladly left their lunch to help us bring in two carts full of the items they so badly need.

I said they were doing a tremendous job at South Park Inn and they said, No, we were doing the tremendous job at Trinity and that they were so grateful for our continued support. Actually, we are all joining God in doing His work in the world. And for that and for the generosity of the people at Trinity Church I am greatly appreciative.

Please continue to donate. "Wish lists" of needed items are clipped to the collection bins.- Rose Riley

TRINITY'S 150 ANNIVERSARY BRAINSTORMING MEETING - ROSE RILEY

Coffee Hour - Sunday, May 6

Trinity turns 150 in 2019 and it's time to start planning for a year of celebration! Come to the Bishop Seabury room during coffee hour on May 6 to share your ideas for celebration events.

Can't be there on the 6th? Write your ideas down and put them in the Trinity150 Ideas box at the back of church or send an email to the office at operations@trinityepiscopalweth.org with the subject line "Trinity150".

FRIENDS AND NEEDLES & THE STORY OF MY GRANDMOTHER'S MITTENS - TINA LAMORTE

My grandmother taught me to knit, but I had no idea how to finish those mittens she must have started in the 1960s before she died. I couldn't throw them out. One mitten was done and I liked the "blue heather" color a lot. But that half-done mitten with the four double pointed needles stared at me every time I went into the attic.

Someday, I thought, I'd find a knitting group with kind people who might teach me how to complete this project, like those nice women in the novels by Debbie Macomber (The Shop on Blossom Street / A Good Yarn) who met every week to knit and talk.

Then I started going to church at Trinity in Wethersfield (Trinity, incidentally, was the name of my grandmother's church). And I noticed they had a knitting group that met every Thursday afternoon. Eventually I asked about it and was directed to Connie, who invited me to come with such warmth that I felt free to tell her about those almost-done mittens, and that I hoped maybe someone could help me finish them. Her answer was a definite yes. Wow, talk about prayers being answered.

So one Thursday I went, and after Connie introduced me and explained my knitting challenge, I felt embraced by the skilled and friendly women who make up Friends and Needles. For an hour or two, everyone sits on the couches in the Seabury Room, and knits, and talks. It was amazing to see them knitting socks, sweaters, blankets, hats, and scarves. Not everyone is a member of the church, but they all seem to have known each other for a long time.

Two of the knitters who "knew" mittens sat down with me at a table and looked at what my grandmother had left. It never occurred to me that not having a pattern would be a problem (or should I say challenge). My grandmother was born in 1895 to a large family in Vermont and probably knit so many mittens she knew how to make them by heart. They looked at the other mitten and counted rows and compared the unfinished mitten. Someone went to the yarn supplies closet and found a pattern book for mittens from the 1960s. Apparently knitting mittens has changed since then, so the old patterns came in handy.

We chuckled to see that the skein of yarn cost only \$1.29 and that the label touted the yarn as "permanently mothproofed". That, of course, is because the yarn is not wool, but is labeled elsewhere as 100% Wintuk "Orlon" Acrylic. Marketing geniuses made it seem like the "wool" was somehow specially treated. (It looked like wool, and I always assumed it was!)

Maria asked me if she could take my mittens home with her, and together with the vintage pattern book, said she would come up with some kind of instructions for me the next week. I felt hopeful and excited. I might actually get this done. Since I didn't understand much of what she and Donna talked about when they examined the mittens, I just nodded and said thank you.

It took a few weeks, but I learned how to knit on double pointed needles and finished the darn mitten, thumb and all, with a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Other women in the group helped me along as I struggled and learned (Mady, June, Connie, Jan....) I'm not saying I'm ready to start another pair of mittens, but I am still going to Friends and Needles and will be forever grateful to the patience and skill that its members shared with me.

Friends and Needles meets every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Seabury Room at Trinity Episcopal Church on Main Street in Old Wethersfield.

To My Grandmother Elda

(1895 – 1968)

Dear Gran,

You taught me to knit, but not how to make mittens or to use double-pointed needles, which were a complete mystery to me until this year. Those pretty blue mittens you started were so close to being done, I could never throw them out – but I began to despair of learning how to finish them. When I found Friends and Needles, a group of kind, skilled, and patient knitters, they took over where you left off.



Mom said you didn't mind if everything didn't get finished, because if they did, it would mean you were ready to die. (That was supposed to make me feel better when I didn't finish everything I set out to do.) So thanks Gran, for not finishing the mittens, otherwise I wouldn't have had the great experience of learning how to complete them.

And thank goodness for post-World War II advances in fabric and yarn. If the mittens had been made of real wool, and eaten by moths, this project never would have happened.

With many fond memories and much love, Tina

MINISTRY CORNER - ROSE RILEY

Getting information out to parish members and the public requires a wide variety of communications platforms. Within Trinity, we have web and Facebook sites, our monthly newsletter *Belfry*, and weekly e-blasts and bulletin inserts. Communications outside of Trinity call for another set of communications platforms including diocesan sites and electronic newsletters, along with old-fashioned printed materials! We need all of these different ways to communicate because we know our parish members receive information in a variety of ways.

A couple of weeks ago, a communications team came together to handle communication approaches. The team includes Mike Kucka (Belfry), Joan Joseph (website), Kathy Cole (e-blast and bulletin inserts), and Leslie Jones (public/external communications). Many thanks to this team of dedicated and talented people.

GOLDEN OLDIES CONCERT - ROSE RILEY

Get out your dancing shoes and come to Sal Basile's "GOLDEN OLDIES" CONCERT on Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Sal will be playing guitar and singing your favorite songs. Bistro-Style seating, hot and cold appetizers, fruit and punch will be provided. If you have a favorite appetizer, please bring it to share. Sal generously provides an evening of wonderful music and a fun time! \$10.00 at the door with proceeds to benefit Trinity's Outreach Programs. Don't forget those dancing shoes! Even if you don't dance you'll need them to tap your toes!

LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT –

Bible Study



POWER FROM ABOVE FOR OUR LIFE HERE BELOW - REV. TOM FURRER

This Bible study will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit with a broad strokes look at the book of Acts and will have a special prayer component on Pentecost Sunday. Each class will look at a different aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church as told by the book of Acts. The scope of this study is practical and personal. How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives today? Classes will take place in the Seabury Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

- May 3** Silver and Gold I Have None: The Power to Heal
Acts Chapters 3 & 4
- May 10** Stephen, the Deacon/Martyr: The Power to Serve Sacrificially
Acts Chapters 6 & 7
- May 17** My Chosen Instrument: The Power to Proclaim
Acts Chapters 9 & 13
- May 24** God Shows No Partiality: The Power to See the World Differently
Acts Chapters 10 & 15
- May 31** What You Worship as Unknown, I Now Proclaim to You:
The Power to Meet People Where They Are
Acts Chapter 17

TRINITY PARISH WEEKLY PRAYER LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY - REBECCA SCRUTON

What is the Trinity Parish Weekly Prayer List? Two years ago, when we began our journey of becoming a “God Guided, Lay Led” congregation the whole paradigm of what it means to be a Parish Community began to change. We no longer had a priest ‘in residence’ and no possibility of having one in the near future. We also found that parishioners were either moving out of the area or finding another community or way in which to worship, hence leaving us with a much smaller congregation. We found ourselves in a steep learning curve with more questions than answers. We became very aware that we truly needed to live into God’s call to “love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, strength and minds and to love our neighbors as ourselves”. In short order, we knew that unless we sought God’s guidance, God’s direction for Trinity we were without hope and direction. At the same time, we knew that the deepest level we can care for each other is to give each other to our loving God through daily prayer, trusting that God’s Spirit would sustain, connect and guide us.

Hence, the **Trinity Parish Weekly Prayer List**. Our parish family has been divided into six (6) days. We invite each of you to pray **The Prayer for Parish Mission**, daily along with the appropriate day’s list of names.

If your name is not on this list, please contact the Parish Office and we will make sure to include it. The list will be revised again in the Fall.

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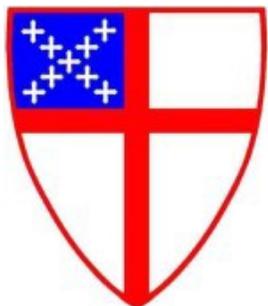
OFFICE HOURS

TUE, WED & THURS

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



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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

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 real relationship with You. Amen