

# THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



## A Heartfelt Thank You

THANK YOU to all who helped make Father Tom and Maryjane's pot luck farewell brunch so special. And also in the same week, thank you to those who helped to make the reception for Arline Hallisey's Celebration of Life a true celebration.

## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Online, there is Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons. Richard Rohr Meditation discussions are on Saturday mornings. Contact the office for a Zoom invitation.

## Refugee Resettlement Update

With great joy, we will be receiving a refugee family from Syria on Saturday, September 3. We don't have a wealth of information yet, but we do know that we'll be helping to resettle a family of five — mom, dad, and three teenage boys. They've been waiting to come to the United States for seven years.

Our coalition of four churches has quickly reorganized and has been busy securing interpreters, buying mattresses, shopping for perishable food items, organizing the family's first dinner, and putting the finishing touches on their apartment. Over the next month, other volunteers will help the family get medical assessments, enroll the children in school, teach them about public transportation, enroll the adults in ESOL classes, help the adults secure employment, assist in applying for benefits, etc.

As we move forward, please keep the family and our coalition of churches and all of our volunteers in your daily prayers.

## Safe Church Training

Safe Church Training is offered by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) and focuses on the protection of children and youth as well as the protection of vulnerable adults. There are a variety of parishioners who are required to take Safe Church Training including wardens, vestry members, volunteers of the refugee resettlement team, and lay eucharistic visitors. The training program includes an online course followed by a 3-hour live session on Zoom that builds on and puts into practice content from the online course. To find out more and enroll in Safe Church Training, go to [episcopalct.org/safe-church/](https://episcopalct.org/safe-church/)

## Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 13 from 5:45-7:45 at the home of Joan Joseph for its annual planning meeting where book selections and meeting dates will be determined. Bring your calendar and your ideas. Contact Joan Joseph at [golfst4@aol.com](mailto:golfst4@aol.com) for additional information.



*Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap, 1517, Hans Schäufelein*

## Sunday Services

SEPTEMBER 4

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1*  
*Philemon 1:1-21*  
*Luke 14:25-33*

SEPTEMBER 11

*Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10*  
*1 Timothy 1:12-17*  
*Luke 15:1-10*

SEPTEMBER 18

*Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113*  
*1 Timothy 2:1-7*  
*Luke 16:1-13*

SEPTEMBER 25

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146*  
*1 Timothy 6:6-19*  
*Luke 16:19-31*

## Community Dinners with Hands on Hartford

July's Community Dinner was outstanding. We provided meals for more than 100 people and saw an increase of families in attendance.

The next dinner will be on September 26. If you haven't been receiving email communications regarding the dinners and would like to be involved, please email Warren or Lynda Blessing at [ctvalleywc@gmail.com](mailto:ctvalleywc@gmail.com). We provide meals every other month at the Hands on Hartford headquarters on Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford. If you are interested in helping to serve, please let Warren or Lynda know that as well.

## Student Scholarships

Our goal each year is to provide at least 50 children in the Kafanchan Diocese of Nigeria with tuition, books, uniforms and lunches for the school year. Last year we raised \$6,000 and sent 60 children to school with a full scholarship.

If you haven't yet made a donation, there's still time. Send in your check for \$100 for a full scholarship or \$50 for a half scholarship, being sure to write "Nigerian Scholarship" on the memo line.

## Season of Creation

Trinity's altar flowers will soon reflect the gifts of the earth as found in Cantic 12, A Song of Creation (BCP, p87). Look for the floral interpretations of the following:

Sept. 4 — Sun  
 Sept. 11 — Moon and Stars of the Sky  
 Sept. 18 — Fire and Heat  
 Sept. 25 — O Mountains and Hills  
 Oct. 2 — O Springs of Water, Seas and Streams

## Swords to Plowshares

Swords to Plowshares is a program "spearheaded" by retired bishop Jim Curry. Its purpose is to address and reduce gun violence. Its core activity centers on converting guns from gun buyback programs into garden tools using a portable forge, hammers, and anvils. You can learn more about the program at [www.s2pnortheast.org/](http://www.s2pnortheast.org/)

Bishop Jim has offered to bring this activity to Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, October 1.

Hartford has been having a rough summer with respect to gun violence. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather together and bear witness to its impact on our communities and to wrap ourselves around the critical effort to end gun violence. Our friends at Good Shepherd hope we will be able to participate on October 1. More information will be forthcoming.

## Schedules

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept. 4 - The Rev. Shaw Mudge, celebrant and preacher  
Sept. 11 - Morning Prayer led by Carol Jones; Peter Dewberry, homilist  
Sept. 18 - The Rev. Shaw Mudge, celebrant and preacher  
Sept. 25 - The Rev. Darryl Burke, celebrant and preacher  
Oct. 2 - The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant and preacher  
Oct. 9 - Morning Prayer led by Carol Jones; Rose Riley, homilist

### USHERS AND OPENERS

Sept. 4 - Clark and Joyce Tomlinson (openers and ushers)  
Sept. 11 - Connie (opener), Cheryl Chadsey and Diane Zarillo (ushers)  
Sept. 18 - Warren (opener), Garth Myers and Melanie Hepburn (ushers)  
Sept. 25 - Rebecca (opener), Peter and Sheila Dewberry (ushers)  
Oct. 2 - Clark and Joyce Tomlinson (openers and ushers)  
Oct. 9 - Connie (opener), Cheryl Chadsey (usher)

### ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 3-19	Jennifer Gebhardt Nan Heath	silver vessels
Sept. 10-16	Melanie Hepburn Carol Jones	MP kneelers
Sept. 17-23	Marty Koehler Joyce Tomlinson	
Sept. 24-30	Helen Desrochers Kathy Cole	
Oct. 1-7	Carol Jones Marilyn Galek	
Oct. 8-14	Joyce Tomlinson Jennifer Gebhardt	MP kneelers

### READERS

Sept. 4	Old Testament & Psalm — JR Stanko Epistle — Rose Riley Prayers of the People — Don Ghostlaw
Sept. 11	Old Testament & Psalm — Judith Shaw Epistle — Garth Myers Prayers of the People — Melanie Hepburn
Sept. 18	Old Testament & Psalm — Olivia Tummescheit Epistle — Ginger Smith Prayers of the People — Corinne
Sept. 25	Old Testament & Psalm — Peter Dewberry Epistle — Sheila Dewberry Prayers of the People — Hubertus Tummescheit



*Lost Coin, 1620, Domenico Fetti*

## Parish Leadership

### VESTRY

Warren Blessing, Co-Warden  
Susanna Brown  
Sarah Butters  
Peter Dewberry  
Don Ghostlaw  
Robert Heath, Treasurer  
Melanie Hepburn, Clerk  
Carol Jones  
Charles Melchreit  
Garth Myers, Co-Warden  
Rebecca Scruton, Co-Warden

### STAFF

Linda Rubera, Administrator  
Tuesday-Thursday, 9-2  
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Dorothy LaBelle, Music Director

## Business Report

### *Pledge Status (through July)*

Total Pledge	\$ 92,664
Received	\$ 89,208

### *Income/Expenses (through July)*

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 105,538	\$ 107,906
Expenses	\$ 103,060	\$ 112,100

## Pause...

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As you pause today, consider these words from the Talmud, a collection of Jewish writings. They offer advice so appropriate for us any time:

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now,  
love mercy now, and walk humbly now. You are not obligated  
to complete the work, nor are you free to abandon it.*

"What in the world am I going to do?", might be the wrong question to ask in the face of all that is happening today. Perhaps these questions will give us better answers:

- How can I act justly *today*?
- How can I love mercy *today*, here and now, in this situation?
- What would walking humbly with my God look like *today*?
- With whom can I walk as I act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God - *TODAY*?

*Prayer: Loving creator of us all, send your Spirit among us that we may learn to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you today. Amen*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. May my heart be open to receive you, my eyes to see you, my ears to hear you, my voice to speak your word, my hands to do your work, my feet to keep me on your path.*

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