

# THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 am in the church sanctuary and outdoors at 11 am. In case of inclement weather, the outdoor service will meet on the front porch. If you want to participate in Zoom Morning Prayer on Wednesday mornings and/or Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons, please contact the office for an invite. If you're interested in the Richard Rohr Meditation discussions on Saturday mornings, email Garth Myers at [garth.myers@trincoll.edu](mailto:garth.myers@trincoll.edu)

## From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity Parish Community,  
Welcome to February!

Admittedly, February is not the month we greet with joy, is it? All of the fun things about winter are over (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, first beautiful snow fall) and now it's just a cold, dark and dreary month of waiting for the first signs of spring.

However, being an optimist and a Christian, I always look for the signs of hope and joy in every place, even February.

In February, we hold our parish annual meeting — not exactly the Super Bowl in terms of excitement but an opportunity to look back at all of the good things God has done in the past year and look ahead to all of the good things God will do with us and through us in the coming year. Soon, we will be sending all of you a copy of our first edition of “Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World®”. It's a little magazine, which we will publish a couple of times per year to focus on the ways that God is working through our parish community to change the world.

It is really quite remarkable how our “Small But Mighty” parish community is making a positive impact on our world — both close to home and around the world. We want to encourage all of you in what you are already doing and to invite you to become more actively engaged in the future.

Speaking of active engagement, we are moving forward in our efforts to help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan. Under the leadership of Leslie Jones and Donna Brown, we have formed a coalition with three other churches: First Church in Wethersfield, St. Andrew the Apostle in Rocky Hill and Church of Christ in Newington. Eighteen Trinity parishioners have expressed an interest in participating in this effort and many have already taken online classes taught by IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services). The coalition is moving forward to resettle a family in the next month or two.

And lastly, we are moving toward Lent. And hopefully moving toward better Covid metrics with a return to something like “normal” in terms of in-person Lenten fellowship opportunities. We are praying and thinking about the best way to meet together in the coming weeks and months.

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So, welcome to February. Not doom and gloom, but increasing daylight every day and many, many, many opportunities to Love God, Love our Neighbors and Change the World®.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Tom

## Evening Book Club

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 8 (snow date is the 9th) from 5:45-7:45 with pizza at the home of Judith Melchreit. Carol Jones will lead the discussion of *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Looking ahead, the next gathering is set for March 15 with a discussion of *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan. Contact [Joan Joseph](#) for information about the February or March meeting.

## South Park Inn

The current needs at South Park Inn are *new* towels, face cloths, and twin-size sheets; laundry detergent; cleaning supplies (e.g. Pine-sol) and personal care items. Donations can be dropped off Sunday mornings to the South Park Inn basket at the rear of the church. Outreach leaders [Joan and Greg Joseph](#) thank you for caring. If you want to know more about South Park Inn, contact Joan or Greg, or check out the [South Park Inn website](#).

## Business Report

*Pledge Status\**

Total Pledge: \$ 131,295  
Received: \$ 129,600

*Income/Expenses\**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$149,968	\$170,966
Expenses	\$ 151,858	\$170,966

\*through December 2021

## Bringing Food to Our Neighbors during Lent

Trinity has volunteered to be one of twelve local groups — the Dazzling Dozen — who are collecting food for the Wethersfield Food Pantry each month. We selected March as it's the month that Lent begins and it's a perfect time to think about giving to others. Our goal is to stock the pantry with a month's worth of perishable food items and personal care products. More detailed information will appear in upcoming weekly e-newsletters and the March Belfry.

## Annual Meeting

Thanks go out to all who have already returned their ballots. Ballots should be returned to the office by February 8 as they can serve as your participation in the annual meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting on February 15 at 7 pm, use this zoom info:  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84693882330?pwd=eVpYMTIhIToF2MmwxWE5yVmNPVzITUT09>  
Meeting ID: 846 9388 2330  
Passcode: 310788  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

## Our Website

There is a plethora of information on Trinity's website about outreach opportunities, changes in Covid policies, meeting minutes and reports, photos of recent events, opportunities for spiritual growth, prayers, poems, calendar of events — you name it and it's probably there. Check it out often at [trinityepiscopalweth.org](http://trinityepiscopalweth.org)

## Parish Leadership

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