

# THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



## Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

A service of Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer 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.

## A Note of Thanks from Father Tom and Maryjane

Dear Trinity Parish Community,

We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful send-off you gave us on our last Sunday at Trinity. We were deeply grateful for the many kind words and other expressions of love and appreciation that you extended to us that day.

We both have so many wonderful memories of our 4+ years with you and we continue to hold you in our daily prayers, confident that “the One who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion” in the new season that you are now in. God is good—all the time. And God will continue to lead and guide you into the next chapter of your pilgrimage.

We have spent the last four weeks unpacking boxes and trying to adjust to our new life here in Ohio. Sadly, about two weeks after we arrived here, my sister’s husband died unexpectedly of a heart attack. So we have spent most of our time preparing for his funeral and helping my sister and her family grieve the shocking loss. We have been worshipping at the “small but mighty” Grace Episcopal Church where my Dad has been a member for many years. The congregation has a lot of similarities with Trinity in Wethersfield and they were a great help to us as we held my brother-in-law’s funeral and reception at the church.

We miss you all very much and we hold you all constantly in our prayers and we love you all dearly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Tom and Maryjane

*PS: On another note of gratitude, we want to thank everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund for the school children in the Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria. You contributed \$7,000 which will provide scholarships for 70 children in this academic year. We spent some time with Bishop Markus and Nana Dogo this past weekend and they asked us to extend their profound gratitude for this very generous gift. It will make a great difference in the lives of 70 children and their families. I will be sending a token of their appreciation in a letter mailed later today.*



*Christ Speaks to Zacchaeus,  
William Holec, 1908*

## Sunday Services

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OCTOBER 2

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

[Psalm 37:1-9](#)

[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 17:5-10](#)

OCTOBER 9

[2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

[2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

OCTOBER 16

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

[2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

OCTOBER 23

[Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22](#)

[Psalm 84:1-7](#)

[2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

[Luke 18:9-14](#)

OCTOBER 30

[Isaiah 1:10-18](#)

[Psalm 32:1-7](#)

[2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#)

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

## In Your Prayers

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*By Rebecca Scruton*

Please pray daily for God's direction here at Trinity and for Trinity. Pray for us as we journey through the ECCT process for calling a new priest. Pray that God will even now be preparing the person God wants for Trinity.

October is Stewardship month. Please be praying about God's invitation to each individual and to us as a community with respect to our stewardship of all that is God's, remembering: "All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee."

Please pray for our leadership. This is also the season that the discernment begins for seeking new vestry members. Pray for wisdom for the committee charged with this task.

And pray for God to raise up the leadership necessary for the next steps here at Trinity.

Finally, pray about the possibility that you might be the person God needs in leadership at this time.

## Rota for October

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Oct. 2 - The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant and preacher

Oct. 9 - Morning Prayer led by Carol Jones; Rose Riley, homilist

Oct. 16 - The Rev. Shaw Mudge, celebrant; Ray Colburn, homilist

Oct. 23 - The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, celebrant;  
Garth Myers, homilist

Oct. 30 - The Rev. Shaw Mudge, celebrant and preacher

### USHERS AND OPENERS

Oct. 2 - Clark and Joyce Tomlinson

Oct. 9 - Connie Harasymiw, Cheryl Chadsey

Oct. 16 - Warren Blessing, Garth Myers and Melanie Hepburn

Oct. 23 - Rebecca Scruton, Sheila and Peter Dewberry

Oct. 30 - Jerry Stavola, Connie Harasymiw

### ALTAR GUILD

Oct. 1-7 Carol Jones, Marilyn Galek

Oct. 8-14 Joyce Tomlinson, Jennifer Gebhardt

Oct. 15-21 Nan Heath, Helen Desrochers

Oct. 22-28 Kathy Cole, Melanie Hepburn

Oct 29-Nov. 4 Carol Jones, Marty Koehler

### READERS

Oct. 2 - Don Ghostlaw, Cheryl Chadsey, Kathy Cole

Oct. 9 - Carol Jones, Tim Boardman, Sarah Butters

Oct. 16 - Rose Riley, Judith Shaw

Oct. 23 - Ginger Smith, Garth Myers, Melanie Hepburn

Oct. 30 - Olivia Tummescheit, Corinne Helfant, Peter Dewberry

## The Book Shelf

Here are some suggestions for deepening our journey in loving God and our neighbors as ourselves.

- *Love Matters More: How Fighting to Be Right Keeps Us from Loving Like Jesus* by Jared Byas. "A New Vision for the Christian Life. Built not on being right but on loving our neighbor."
- *Devotions, The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver*
- *A Gospel of Hope* by Walter Brueggemann. An excerpt: "We exist because of God's inscrutable generosity in our creation, a generosity so rich that we need not be greedy or self-sufficient, because gifts are always being given. That story has its hope and culmination in the promise that God will make all things right, and that our destiny is to be in peaceable communion with God and with our neighbors, in this age and the age to come."
- *The Message Bible*  
Rebecca Scruton shares her thoughts: "Over the decades that I have had the privilege of reading the Bible and facilitating Bible studies, the most frequent statement I hear is: 'I don't read the Bible because it's too hard to understand, to comprehend.' I have had these same thoughts. *The Message* is a Bible translated from original texts into language that connects with us in this time. I encourage each of you to access *The Message* and listen to the Spirit's voice therein."

## Welcome to Wethersfield

Friday, October 21 from 5:30 to 8 pm

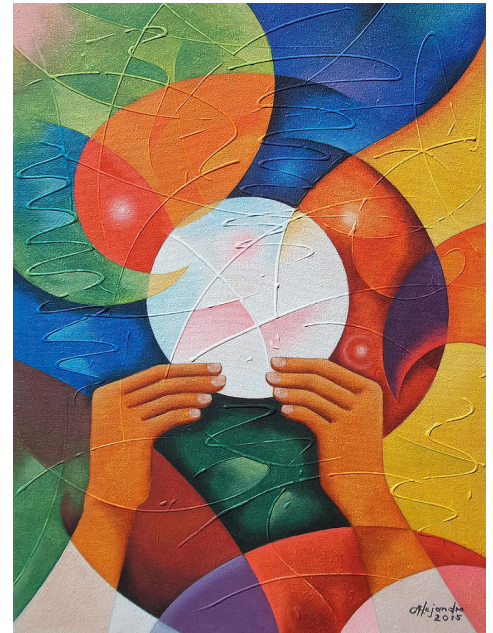
We are thrilled to have been asked to host a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall as part of our town's Welcome to Wethersfield program for immigrant families and newcomers. We strive to be a welcoming place for all, and our international guests deserve an especially warm welcome with great food and lots of laughs. Most of the guests will be English Language Learners who have had classes downstairs, but it's time for us to enjoy meeting and eating with these neighbors, face to face.

Bring a dish that reflects your background and our guests will bring theirs. See you Friday, October 21 at 5:30 in the Parish Hall.

## Book Club Gathering

The Evening Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 25 from 5:45-7:45 for pizza and discussion at the home of Carol Jones. Our first selection this fall is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. This is a story about the life of Hedy Lamar. She was a Jew in Austria at the start of WWII, married a powerful arms dealer, and escaped to the United States. She was one of the most beautiful women ever but also, possibly, one of the most intelligent.

Contact Joan Joseph at [golfst4@aol.com](mailto:golfst4@aol.com) for more information. As always, everyone is welcome!



*The Bread of Life, Hermel Alejandre, 2015*

## 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  
860-529-6825  
Dorothy LaBelle, Music Director

## Business Report

### Pledge Status (through August)

Total Pledge	\$ 105,901
Received	\$ 98,328

### Income/Expenses (through )

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 115,790	\$ 123,321
Expenses	\$ 118,438	\$ 128,115



## Scarecrows Along Main



*An outstanding Saint Francis has joined the annual Scarecrows Along Main in Old Wethersfield. A special shoutout to the fabulous creation and creators: Anne Tranberg, Tina LaMorte, Carol Jones, AnnMarie Starvola, Susan Whitehouse, Kathy Cole and Peter Spanenberg. Thank you all. And yes, "Let us be instruments of God's peace."*



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