



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

MAY 2023



Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Every year we make a pilgrimage through the forty days of Lent, the drama of Holy Week and ending with Jesus sealed in the tomb. It can be an emotional time, sometimes even depressing. Yet every year we reach our goal – Easter and resurrection. When I walked into Holy Trinity on Easter morning, saw that the sackcloth gone from the Triptych and altar, and noted flowers decorating the church again, I felt my heart leap with joy. I know that sounds corny, but it's what I felt.

The Lent-Easter pilgrimage is a good metaphor for the Transition Process. We spend a lot of time in reflection on who Holy Trinity Church was/is/ is called to be. We share our individual experiences of our journeys to and with Holy Trinity. We express regrets and even grief over how things have changed even as we grapple with the reality of what our community of church and Swanton is today. We begin to catch glimpses of how God is calling us to be. Finally, we reach the intense phase and begin to interview candidates to discover whom God has called to lead HTC into that future. Finally, you will Celebrate your New Ministry together.

We began the journey with a Sunday reviewing Holy Trinity Church history. Of course we barely scratched the surface, so the time line will remain up in the parish hall for you to review. Take note of how often HTC has made large changes in its building(s) because of the generosity of a few people. Look at all the smiling faces as HTC has gone about its various activities, especially during recent years. If you have not already done so, add a tab to indicate when you or your family came to HTC.

To aid in considering who HTC was and what you are called to be in the future, a survey will appear in the foyer/narthex/entrance area in the next couple of weeks. Please take the time to prayerfully consider the questions and your answers. Fill out the form, sign it if you want to, and place it in the box in the foyer or drop it by the church office. If the questions spur you to want to talk one-on-one with either Ann or Fran, we would be delighted to meet you at the

church, in your home, for lunch, in a coffee shop, whatever is most comfortable with you. As we continue our journey, remember that Jesus has promised to be with us always.

Fran Stanford+
Transition Priest

Happy Easter!

The church wisely offers us an extended 50 days of Easter celebration, from Easter Day to Pentecost. It was important to the first followers of Jesus to encounter his risen presence: the appearance in the upper room, the proof test for Thomas of the scars in his hands and side, the women who found the tomb empty and thought the Risen One was a gardener, the men walking to Emmaus joined by a stranger until he took bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them and their eyes were opened. In Biblical stories, we often can identify with one or more characters and events. I hope each of you can name and describe a way in which the risen Christ has touched you, enlivened your faith, and given you a sense of commission. In every post-resurrection encounter, the risen ONE not only revealed his living presence, but sent them forth – to tell the others as the women did – to go forth and continue the work of ministry. When we celebrate Pentecost (often called the birthday of the church) on May 28, people from all over the then-populated world were speaking – each in his own language – but mysteriously they understood each other because the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to do so. Understanding difference, celebrating unity that includes difference, is an essential element of being church. Here at Holy Trinity, you have many traditions which you value, many outreach ministries and inreach ministries that continue to feed our spirits and encourage us to live the gospel. I ask you to pray for the members of the transition team, for the wardens and vestry leaders, for those on the commissions of ministry, for all of us that we honor God's love in this community. As we worship on Sunday, and continue the work of discipleship throughout the week, I hope you are aware daily of the grace that fills us and the love of God that shapes us as God's beloved community.

Ann+

BAPTISM Anyone?

During the past few years of restrictions imposed by an all too friendly virus (SARS-CoV-2 and the disease it causes, COVID-19) families may have put off the sacrament of baptism. One of the favored days for baptism is on Pentecost Sunday, May 28 this year). The Church does insist that baptism take place in a community of witnesses, which generally means on a Sunday morning during the main service. Why? So that we can join with the family in supporting the candidates in their life in Christ. Baptism is an acknowledgement that the person is already beloved of God and becomes through baptism a full member of the church. Fran and/or I are happy to talk with anyone interested in baptism.

Vestry at a glance

April 10, 2023

- Renovations have started on the upstairs apartment at 40 Grand.
- Transition team to be established
- Temporary repairs to be made to the planters in front of Holy Trinity.
- HTC Commissions to be reorganized
- Open door dinners scheduled for April, May, and June.



April marked the restart of Holy Trinity's Open Door Dinners. The Holy Trinity kitchen was humming with joy for two days. We were excited to once again be offering an Open Door Dinner to our community. We loved welcoming all our guest tonight. Extra meals were sent out into the community and will be delivered to Spectrum Youth. Love the power of community. Please reserve the following dates for other dinners being offered by Holy Trinity. Join us on May 18th and June 22nd from 5:30-6:30.

Special thanks goes out to everyone who helped prep and offer our April dinner. Madeline Martin, Natalie Good, Pat Gaboriault, Jill Walsh, Kiley Boutah, George Plante, Wally Good, Mary Hartman, Molly Hartman-Lontine, Linda Wirts, Betty Finelli, LouAnne Wood, Dr. Ann Boyd, Dr. Fran Stanford, James McDonald, Paule Button and Leanne Marie.

Next month's meal is under the leadership of Deanna Edwards and Shelley Robtoy. Please seek them out, if you would like to help prep or serve on the next Open Door Dinner Team which will be serving dinner on May 18th. Menu will include baked ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, roll and pineapple cupcakes.

May Calendar

Mon 5/1- Outreach meeting, 9:00am
Mon 5/8- Vestry meeting, 5:30pm
Thurs 5/18- Open Door Dinner, 5:30-6:30
Sat 5/20- Open Mic Teen Night, 5pm-9pm
Sun 5/21- Transition Team meeting
Fri 5/26- Progressive Dinner, Parish wide transition event
Mon 5/29- Office Closed, Memorial Day

SENIOR WARDEN UPDATE

HTC Transition Team Members

Helen Short-chair	Evan Anderson
Kay Benedict	Christie Bruyette
Linda Bruyette	Joe Cava
Wally Good	Eagan Murphy
Shelley Robtoy	Barb Trushaw
LouAnne Wood	

Lead of Transition Prayer- Madeline Martin

This group will have its first meeting Sunday May 21st following coffee hour in the upper room, lunch will be provided.

Vestry update: Sheri Moore has resigned from Vestry. We thank Sheri for serving. Sandi Kenyon has been appointed to complete Sheri's term on the Vestry. Natalie Good has been named by the Vestry as Junior Warden. We welcome Sandi and Natalie to their new roles.



Save the date: The entire parish will be invited to share in a progressive dinner the evening of May 26th (Friday) please watch for more details. This will be our next "parish wide" transition event.



Columbarium Brochures

Information brochures for the Columbarium are on the buffet in the narthex.



Saturday, May 20, 5 -9 pm

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

JOIN FELLOW 13-18 YEAR OLDS FOR
MUSIC, GAMES, PIZZA, POPCORN AND
SWEET TREATS

PERFORMERS PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY
EMAILING:

MOLLYAYERHARTMAN1114@GMAIL.COM

Rules:

- You must sign in. • No backpacks. • No open containers. • No drugs, vapes, alcohol or tobacco products. • Once admitted to the event you will not be allowed to leave and come back. • HAVE FUN! •

New Staff Emails

Holy Trinity staff have the following newly updated email addresses:

Administrative Assistant, Kiley Boutah
office@holyltrinityswanton.org

Bookkeeper, Lisa Way
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Transition Priest, Ann Boyd
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- For any pastoral concerns, please reach out to Ann Boyd at 301-471-1861 or via email at boyda@hood.edu, or Fran Stanford at 240-285-7097 or via email

at vfstanford@comcast.net. For non-emergency communications you may reach out to them at their new Holy Trinity email addresses at aboyd@holyltrinityswanton.org or fstanford@holyltrinityswanton.org

Fran's office hours for March will be Mon from 10-2. Ann's office hours for March will be Thurs from 2-6



FELLOWSHIP

April burst forth with our Sunday celebration of a visitation from our Bishop Shannon and her husband Phil, and Diocesan representatives on Palm Sunday followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. It was a delicious feast. A huge thank you to those who helped set up, bring delicious food and clean up.

The Seder preparation, in honor of Marianne who loved to prepare for the Seder Meal, followed next that week with much preparation in the kitchen and behind the scenes for the traditional storytelling and symbolic food prepared for the evening meal. Again thank you to those who set up, bought and prepared the food and cleaned up after.

Following our Seder was Easter Sunday with the celebration of new life and a festive coffee hour following. Again a thank you for the clean up.

Easter Monday

Marianne's Celebration of Life

The day after Easter our church community and the Vermont community celebrated Marianne Marshall's life with a beautiful, joyful, song fest of a service that filled the church, parish hall and chapel. A guitar lead the singing and everyone sung the words from the song sheet and their memory of Rock Point camp days and the best of the 70's. We were blessed with a day of sunshine so people could go outside with doors open and feast at the buffet table and visit at the tables or standing. With the sadness there was much shared joy so much of Marianne's life. Rev. Ann, a gifted preacher, encapsulated Marianne's essence in her rich and meaningful words.

Thank you again worker bees for doing the dishes and setting things straight.

8th Annual EMPTY BOWLS EVENT
Martha's Kitchen, 139 Lake St, St. Albans
Saturday, May 13, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. Pick out a handmade ceramic bowl from local potters & enjoy delicious soup made by local volunteers. Keep the bowl as a reminder of the cause. This will be an Open House Event so participants can come in see & experience the Kitchen. Soup, bread, dessert and beverages will be served "to go".

\$20 if purchased in advance & \$25 at the door

Outreach Surveys

Please take a few minutes of your time to fill out the attached survey on your outreach activities. You can return your responses to Mary Wood or mail them to Mary Wood, 19 Country Club Estates, Swanton, Vermont 05488. Extra forms can also be found on the buffet at Holy Trinity. With appreciation, Your Outreach Team

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Cleaning Services: Darlene Fournier

AV/Tech: Lincoln Buczkowski



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Daniel Wood**
- 8 Dawn Sparling, Dick Hersey**
- 9 Steve Trushaw**
- 10 Jessica Dittmar**
- 11 Kyle Trushaw**
- 14 David Wood, Samson Kenyon**
- 17 Jenna Garrison**
- 22 Theodore Dittmar**
- 26 Julie Charland, Duncan Hadd, Alex Wirts**
- 28 Joshua Gagne**
- 30 Jon Nielsen**



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 25 Lou Anne & Daniel Wood**



In New Life

April 4

Marianne Lipscombe Marshall

May she rest in peace

and rise in glory