



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

OCTOBER 2025



Worship, Formation, & Children - From the Rector

As we continue to develop our ministries and worship together we are going to begin doing some exciting things!! Here is a run down of some things that will begin in October.

Worship As folks may recall we tried an experiment in July and August of our 10am service being a spoken service on the first Sundays of those months. The feedback I received was mostly positive. There were folks who didn't expect to like worship with no music who were pleasantly surprised. There were others who missed the music who in the past had almost always attended a spoken service. The beauty of worship in the Episcopal Church is that there are multiple options for worship. For the first Sundays of October, November and December we will have **two** services. An 8am spoken service and a 10am service with music. For now, the 8am service will be the same as the 10am one, just with no music. **The dates for the 8am service are: October 5, November 2, and December 7.** After the December service we'll make a determination about continuing with this schedule and if there is anything we want to change.

Formation Formation is something that should continue throughout our lives. We can always learn something new, and we can always grow in faith and understanding. So...on the second Sunday of the month (mostly – there will be a couple changes to that schedule so pay attention to the dates) there will be a formation presentation, mostly inter-generational so everyone is welcome, during coffee hour. **The dates for formation the next three months are: October 12, November 16, and December 14.** Information about topics for these dates is forthcoming!

Children Children in worship are an absolute gift to us and to them. Their presence reminds us of the joy and innocence in believing that we had as children. For the children seeing their parents, guardians, or other adults they love and trust worshipping God reinforces that behavior. Church can also get long and boring for them – sometimes because they can't see what is happening at the altar. So...the third Sunday of the month will be a "Kids day". On these days in particular I will invite any children present to join me around the altar. **The upcoming dates for this are: Oct 19, Nov 16, and Dec 21.**

I am excited about these additions to our communal life. Join us as we continue to learn and grow and worship together. *Kathleen+*



Blessing of
the Animals

Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church

Saturday, October 4; 3pm

*Furry, feathered, scaly, or
stuffed - we'll bless them all!*



**Holy Trinity Day at
Rock Point**

Saturday, October 11

Gather at 11am end by 4:30

- Opening prayer in newly renovated Chapel
- BYO lunch (cold drinks and dessert provided)
- Presentation by Rock Point Commons staff
- Opportunity to wander the trails (including the Holy Trinity Trail)
- Closing prayer at outdoor chapel
- Park in the new lot at the Center: 20 Rock Point Rd, Burlington, VT 05408
- RSVP to Rev. Kathleen by October 10: rector@holytrinityswanton.org

<https://www.rockpointvt.org/>



Inter-generational formation Dates and Topics *During coffee hour in the parish hall*

October 12 – Vestments: Have you ever wondered what all the things are that the priest or altar servers wear during service? Here is your chance to learn all of the fancy names, when they are most typically worn, and even try some on!

November 16 – Holy Eucharist Illuminated: Did you know that each of the parts of our Eucharistic service have a name and a purpose? We'll play a card game to put them all the parts in order while we learn the names and purpose.

December 14 – Sacraments of the Church: What is the difference between a sacrament and a sacramental rite? How many are there? What do they actually MEAN? Join in to learn about these important parts of our spiritual journey as individuals and as a community.

Spoken 8am service – Oct 5, Nov 2, and Dec 7

Do you miss the 8am spoken service that happened regularly before COVID? Here is your opportunity to enjoy it again! On the dates above we will have two services, 8am and 10am. The 8am service will be a Rite II spoken service. For these initial services, we will not schedule lectors or chalice bearers. Rev. Kathleen will ask individuals each Sunday to volunteer. If you would like to serve in either role, please let her know.

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 2

Mark your calendars! We'll be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2. Please bring pictures of the saints in your life who are no longer with us. We'll place them on a table near the altar to remember them and while they are not physically present with us, they make up the great cloud of witnesses who are with us always.

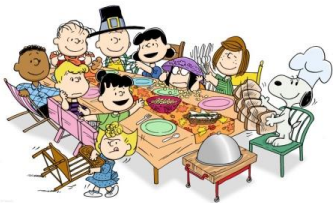
WELCOME HOME

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Welcome Home sponge mops and First Aid kit collection. Great to have the variety sizes in the kits. And, as we have just housed 4 families, the sponge mops are on their way home.

Fellowship Potluck

The Fellowship Team thanks everyone that came to our September Pot Luck. The food was delicious and the fellowship was warm. The cleanup went very smoothly with all the hands that pitched in to lighten the load.

Our next Pot Luck is **October 23 at 5:30 PM**. This time it's suggested that you bring food that starts with the **first letter of your last name**. Example my last name starts with an 'S' so I could bring salad or spaghetti. It will be interesting to see the variety of foods that are contributed.



Open Door Dinners

Memorial Methodist Church

Fridays Oct 24, Nov 21

Nativity/St. Louis

Thursdays Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 12

Holy Trinity

Thursdays Apr 23, May 28, Jun 25



Crafts & Tea

On **October 7th at 2 PM** there will be a 'Crafts and Tea' event. Please bring one of your crafts to work on or help with a jigsaw puzzle. I promise not to bring my sewing machine to the first event. There will be cookies, too. The idea is to have an informal setting where we can talk and enjoy each other's company for an hour or 2. — Helen Short

October Calendar

Sat 10/4- Pet Blessing, 3pm

Sun 10/5- 8:00AM Spoken Service

- Pastoral Care meeting, 9:15am

- Crucifer/ Chalice Bearer training, 11:30am

Mon 10/6- Outreach meeting, 9:00am

Tues 10/7- Fellowship Crafts & Tea, 2:00pm

Sat 10/11- Holy Trinity Day at Rock Point, 11am

Mon 10/13- Vestry meeting, 5:00pm

Thurs 10/23- Fellowship Pot luck, 5:30pm

Sat 10/25- Halloween in the Park, 5:00pm

Vestry meeting, Sept 8 Highlights

*Appreciation of transition team - With the Celebration of Ministry on August 21 the hard work of our transition team is now complete! Thank you to those who were a part of that group

*Pies for Bonnie is coming soon! Pie sales will begin in October ;stay tuned for those dates & flavors

*Beginning in October the 1st Sunday of month will have an 8am spoken service. This will continue through December as we see how many folks attend.

*Bids have been received and one decided on for the repair of the St. John's floor. We will be requesting grant money from diocese for that work.



Bonnie's Pie Fundraiser

It's that time again! Beginning **October 6th** we will begin to take orders for this year's pies. We will be offering Apple Crumb, Pumpkin, Peanut Butter, and Chocolate Mousse pie. All pies are \$15 each and freeze very well for holiday desserts. Cash or check please, and checks can be made out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with PIES in the memo line. **Pickup will be Fri Nov 14th from 11-1pm.**

This year the profits will be divided between Safe Roots Collective - a domestic violence shelter and Afterglow - Suicide Prevention Program.

Please contact Mary Wood at golfwoodmd@comcast.net or 802-238-1818, Shelley Robtoy at ssrobtoy@gmail.com or 802-393-1515 or Kiley at 802-868-7185. You must order ahead and we will cut off at 100 pies. Thank you very much for your support!

Madeline's New Address

Madeline Martin, Apt 28 Gazebo Senior Living
1530 Williston Rd S. Burlington, VT 05403
(802) 923-6422 **Stop in & visit when in Burl.**



Singing Group for People with Memory Loss
& their Caregivers

Weds, Oct 1-Nov 19, 11-11:50 am
CarePartners Adult Day Ctr
640 Franklin Park West



Martha's Kitchen needs for October

heads of lettuce cucumbers
tomatoes any veggies from your garden
Put food in silver treasure chest

Diaper Ministry Update

Opening day February 3, 2025

Open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 - 1

February, 2025

3 visitors, 6 wipes packages and 16 diaper packs

March, 2025

25 visitors, 38 wipes and 65 diaper packs

April, 2025

Hygiene products began: 73 taken 40

20 Visitors, 18 wipes 54 diaper packs

May, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 77

19 visitors + 1 (food, blanket, sleeping bag)

19 wipes 27 diaper packs

June, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 88

17 visitors, 17 wipes 24 diaper packs

July, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 178

26 visitors, 41 wipes 53 diaper packs

August, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 51

17 Visitors, 20 wipes 29 diaper packs

September, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 207

31 visitors, 33 wipes 2 large refills 42 diaper packs

Diocesan Convention

Thurs, Oct 16, Preconvention Hearings

Sat, Oct 25, In person gathering: sharing &

celebrating successes of 3-year period of THRIVE

Thurs, Oct 30, Business meeting on Zoom



Saturday, October 25th

5:00-7:00

Swanton Village Park

We would like to invite everyone to join us again to support the Swanton Halloween in the Park Project. For the last several years the Nativity Parish, Memorial Methodist and Holy Trinity have joined forces to collect and pass out treats in the park. This project has been successful with the great generosity of the parish members from each church.

We would like to encourage members to donate purchased, **individually wrapped** candy and **individually wrapped** snacks to distribute. Donations could include such items as small bags of pretzels, dried apples, raisins, popcorn, goldfish, granola bars, Rice Krispie Treats, cheese sticks, and Teddy Grams.

Each church will have a collection box for you to deposit your donation. Feel free to join us the evening of the event. Dress in your favorite **1960-1980 Rock Band or Tie Dye attire!** We always have fun and enjoy seeing all the children in their costumes having fun!



In Memoriam:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely

Bishop Thomas Ely, who led the Episcopal Diocese of VT from 2001 to 2019 died August 30. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Cathedral Church of St Paul on Saturday October 18 at 11 am. The Most Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe and The Rt. Rev. Shannon McVean-Brown will preside. The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson will preach.

Linda B's October Angels Corner from the Heart

Day 1 The best paths with our angels are always from the heart and always brought forward!

Day 2 You are always loved

Day 3 We get seven fresh starts every single week

Day 4 Someone thinks so highly of you

Day 5 There are so many ways with your angel's help to make today a great day!

Day 6 you were meant to live beautiful dreams

Day 7 Fun is still the best antidote to stress. Have some!

Nostalgia, that's the Autumn

Dreaming through September

Just a million lovely things

I will remember

Going into October

A wonderful thing that our angels

We will remember together.

If you are stressed by anything, your guardian angel may be a good estimate and you have the power to live in that moment.

We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart & angel is with us

With angel mail, you write your special request on a piece of paper and mail it to the angels. Thank the angels as the request has already been granted

Scripture reveals that a primary function of angels is to worship and praise our Lord.

There are many thousands of them. They are greatly appreciated

Help me Lord to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church or closet, nor exercised only in prayer with our angels. But everywhere we are.

We will sing to the Lord and be exalted with the angels

Wing and harp

And robe of white

Sliding through the day & night

Spirit being bathed in light

Invisible among us

We walk by faith not light.

Word before world

God's Word reveals who we really are and our guardian angel invites us to be transformed into His image

It's a good thing to be needy for God and His angels

Angels awaken my mind to possibilities

On earth, in heaven and in myself



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Doreen LaFlam, Carol Moulton
- 9 Evan Anderson, Eric Hadd
- 17 Laura Simon
- 21 Paule Button
- 23 Kay Benedict, Henry Kenyon
- 26 Martha Casavant, Natalie Good, Aimee Hawkins
- 31 Cameron Nielsen



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Helen & Frank Short
John & Deanna Edwards
- 4 Jessica & Mike Dittmar
- 15 Laura & John Simon
- 16 Natalie & Wally Good
- 19 John & Tammy Farr



BLESSING

OCT 5 EASTON MICHAEL NIELSEN



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