



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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Church Management Software - From the Rector

Well...that clearly sounds like an incredibly boring title for my newsletter bit this month! But – this is something that has been in the works for most of this year and I'm happy to say that a good chunk of the work is done. Something very exciting is that you can now make payments (including a recurring pledge payment) via credit card or an ACH payment directly from a specific account. Really – this is pretty cool.

You'll also be able to pay for flowers, make donations to St. John's, or the music ministry, or the diapers and wipes ministry (among others). One time payments can be made as well as recurring ones. For the moment the best way to make these payments is by using the QR code below. We'll also publish this code in bulletins and perhaps make cards for in the pews. You will enter how much you want to donate, select recurring or one time gift, choose a fund, and enter your information. (Obviously payments can still be made or money donated by cash or check!)

Everyone in our parish directory should be in the database (BIG thanks to Kiley for managing THAT!!) although there are still some edits to do. Within the next few weeks you will receive an email to whatever email address we have for you asking you to log in. The name of the program is either Ministry Brands or Amplify – it depends on what portion of the program is being used. Once you have logged in you can change your contact information, correct a misspelled name etc. If you change things we ask that you still let Kiley know so that we can make sure the information all stays correct. AND...within a couple of months we should have a new website up and running as well.

I plan to have my computer down in the parish hall on Sundays in August (except the 16th) and can show folks the database and check your information and even send you the email so you can log in. Exciting to be a part of this new option!

Kathleen+



QR Code to make online payments!



Picnic Raindate August 30



Holy Trinity Church and
Swanton Celebrates National
Night Out
August 4th 5:00-8:00

Members of Holy Trinity Church are invited to join Nativity/ St. Louis Parish and Memorial United Methodist Church for an evening in the park. This event is sponsored by the Swanton Village Police Department and offered free to the community

Laura Simon is coordinating this event with the other churches for Holy Trinity. If you would like to volunteer, please let Laura know. Churches will provide individually wrapped snacks such as popcorn, chips, crackers, granola bars, pretzels, muffins, and goldfish along with water and juice boxes.

Event Highlights

Cost: Completely free event for the community.

Perks: All food & refreshments are free of charge.

Activities: Family-friendly entertainment, a community raffle with great prizes, and opportunities to connect with local police and community organizations.

Location: Swanton Village Green Park, Grand Ave, Swanton, VT

Please join the community to celebrate a fun night of music and family entertainment.



Evensong and Organ Recital at St. John's

Evensong using traditional Rite I language will be sung on Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 in the afternoon at St. John's. The service will be offered to the glory of God and in honor of St. Mary the Virgin, whose feast day in the Episcopal Church (and many other churches) is August 15. All are invited to sing along in this short service of scripture, prayer, and music.

At 3:30, following Evensong, there will be a recital with organists Erik Kenyon, Karl Fandrich, and Kay Benedict playing the historic 1837 Erben organ. Please join us!

Holy Trinity Canning Projects Aug 27th and Sept 24th, 6:00-7:30

The Holy Trinity Outreach Team will once again offer two workshops for this growing season. Each workshop will be open to 20 participants, and all materials will be free. You may sign up for one or both workshops.

On Thursday, August 27th we will offer a workshop on Fridge Salsa. This workshop will highlight the use of the new preserving tool called "PLATEFUL" an amazing new way to preserve a variety of food items. Come join us to find out the many ways to use this new preserving tool and go home with a delicious jar of refrigerator salsa.



On Thursday, September 24h, we will offer a workshop on making apple jelly. Come find out how you can make apple jelly and learn how this process, can be applied, to grape, raspberry and other fruit flavors of jelly.



To register for one, or both of these workshops, please contact Kiley Boutah at 802-868-7185 or email Kiley at office@holytrinityswanton.org

One Parish. One Book. One Summer

For the months of July and August, Holy Trinity members (and anyone who wants to participate!) are invited to read the following book:

[*The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Question to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible; by A.J. Jacobs*](#)

Please read it at your own pace.. We will find a time to gather in early September for folks to share what they liked and learned from this book.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun 8/2- Said service 8am, Pastoral Care 9:15

Parish Picnic at Steve Marshall's, 1pm

Mon 8/3- Outreach mtg, 9am

- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

Tues 8/4 – Nat'l Night Out, 5-8 pm, Swanton Park

Wed 8/5- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

- Bible Study, 5pm

Mon 8/10- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

- Vestry mtg, 5:30pm

Wed 8/12- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

- Bible Study, 5pm

Sun 8/16 – 3 pm Evensong & Organ Recital at St John's Highgate

Mon 8/17- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

Wed 8/19- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

- Bible Study, 5pm

Mon 8/24- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

Wed 8/26- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1p

- Bible Study, 5pm

Thurs 8/27- Salsa Canning, 6-7:30pm, parish hall

Sat 8/29 – LGBTQ+ Affinity Board Game Day, 11-1 Parish Hall

- Music on the Porch, 3-5 at St John's Highgate

Mon 8/31- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1pm

Diaper/Wipe Ministry

The Diaper/Wipe Ministry has been very successful this year of 2026. This is a wonderful outreach. Monetary donations are always welcome. If folks wish to give actual material donations, it is really helpful to our team if you check with us to see exactly what is needed. All help is always appreciated. Bless you!

June, 2026

34 visits -

36 wipes packages, 37 diaper packs

98 Personal care products

July, 2026

32 visits -

52 wipes packages, 43 diaper packs

72 Personal care products

Audio Visual Fundraiser Update

The Vestry would like to first, give a special thanks to everyone who has been working on the kick-off of our fundraiser to raise \$10,000 to support a portion of the cost for our audio/visual project. If you have been on line or attended a recent service here at Holy Trinity you might be aware that the sound portion of our project has been completed and WOW, what a difference it makes. Soon, the camera will be installed, and we can enjoy a crisp feed and avoid seeing the backs of heads on our broadcast. We are excited to have two or three baptisms coming up in the next few months, that will enable families and friends to stream these services.

Special thanks to Jane Bower, Carl Marcinkowski, Delcie Durham, Paule Button, Sarah Nielsen, Mary Wood, Kathleen Schotto, Jill Walsh, Helen Short, Ada Lyman. Kiley Boutah, who worked on the initial letter writing and mailing of donation letters.

To date, most everyone should have received a letter with donation and Memory Book information. If you did not, please let Helen Short and Mary Wood know. Extra donation slips, will also be placed at the entrance of the church, should you need another or know of someone who would like to be invited to join us in our journey Blessings & appreciation, Holy Trinity Vestry



Meal Train For Spectrum Youth, St Albans

Holy Trinity Church has volunteered to do drop off for the Spectrum Youth Meal Train on the **fourth Monday of Each Month**. If you are willing to supply a meal by yourself or with a partner, please speak to Helen Short or Mary Wood to sign up for a date in the future. You may also wish to join one of the families below to help support their offerings.

Aug 24	Laura & John Simon
Sept 28	Mary & David Wood
Oct 26	Laura & John Simon
Nov 23	Helen & Frank Short
Dec 28	
Jan 25	Mary Hartman

Drop off Location - 223 Lake St, St Albans

Preferred drop off time – 4:45-5 pm

Number to cook for - 15 youths

Favorite meals or restaurants – don't have a lot of time in the evenings? The youth also enjoy pizza delivery!

We serve dinner from 5-6 pm. We are happy to bake/cook an of the meals if dropped off early enough.

Otherwise we prefer meals to be dropped off between 4:45-5 pm if ready to serve



Fridge & Freezer Clean Out

Aug 3-7

We wanted to share with everyone who uses the fridge and freezer that we will be completing a cleaning of both units the first week in August. If there are things that are outdated, freezer-burned and unlabeled we will be throwing them out. Items that are not labeled and current, will be donated to food shelf, Martha's Kitchen or Spectrum Youth. Fellowship and Outreach Teams



LGBTQ+ Affinity Board Game Day

Saturday, August 29, 11-1

Holy Trinity will host a day of fun and games for members of the LGBTQ+ community on Sat, August 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. Bring your favorite board game and join us in the parish hall to play together and have some light snacks. The event is open to all, but we ask that any kids under 16 be accompanied by a trusted adult. msadabee@gmail.com with any questions. No RSVP necessary!



Music on the Porch Day

Saturday, August 29 3-5 pm

Join us Saturday, August 29, from 3 to 5 pm at St. John's Highgate for Music on the Porch Day, which will be themed "Play for Peace." We will host an open mic for anyone with a talent to share. Interested performers can email Ada Lyman at msadabee@gmail.com with a brief summary of your act. Performances will be first come first served.

We will also have an instrument petting zoo for kids. Tim and I have some kid-friendly instruments for people to try out, but it might be nice to have some more options if anyone would like to let us borrow some.

We're also hoping to have a table set up where folks can buy food and a T shirt.

Please reach out with any questions, and let Ada know if you'd like to volunteer.

My Guardian Angel Corner for August from
Linda B. Straight from the Heart

1-You are a wonderful angel in more ways than one
2- Dream big, doubt small
3- You deserve every happiness
4- A smile, a hug, a kind word will change someone's heart. Your angel knows
5- With our angel with us we make good decisions
6- The compliments you give others are true for you too
7- Be yourself, there is no one better.
Angel keep me as the apple of your eye and hide me in your wings
Though angels are invisible, they can appear to humans
What you plant today means you believe in tomorrow
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 by sight
Sing praises to Gos
Sing praises to our King
Angels live forever, once created they never cease to exist
I will sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted
The lord is my strength and my song
Open my eyes to see you
Open my ears to hear your voice
Draw close to me Lord as I draw close to you
Angels do the work around us, love within us, love compelling us and love igniting us
Angels surround us with love & protection.
Know that they are always among us
Joy is found in spending time with Christ & our angels
Kindness
One never knows how far a word of kindness goes
How far a smile of friendship flees the deed forgotten and woman or man goes their way.



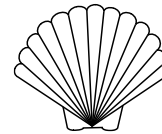
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Easton Nielsen
5 Lou Anne Wood
13 George Murphy
14 Madison Dittmar
22 Ella Brousseau ,Luca Lontine
31 John Fournier



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 Sandy & Dick Hersey
12 Mary & David Wood
28 Shelley & Shawn Robtoy
Suzy & Hugh Kenyon



BAPTISM

July 5 Theodore Sullivan Dittmar

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