



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JULY 2026



What are these scripture readings?

- From the Rector

Have you noticed that there are some Scripture passages on Sundays that might seem unfamiliar and are wondering why? The short answer is that we are using "Track 2" for our readings from Hebrew Scripture and the Psalms. For reference, we use a three year cycle of readings called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL was published in 1992 and was the result of decades of liturgical development and ecumenical collaboration. It is widely (but not exclusively) used by various mainline Christian denominations. There are three years – defined primarily by what Gospel is highlighted. In Year A, the focus is on Matthew; in Year B, the focus is Mark, and in Year C, the focus is Luke. The Gospel of John is interspersed throughout each year. Every church who uses the RCL is in the same year at the same time – which currently is Year A.

In each year, the season between Pentecost and Advent is the longest season in the church year. In that season the readings from the Hebrew Scripture and the Psalm have two "tracks". Track 1 is sometimes called the "semi-continuous" readings because it follows various narratives in the Hebrew Scriptures. Track 2 is labeled as "thematic" or "complementary" readings because they typically have something in common with the Gospel reading for the day.

Some clergy will choose which track they wish to use for each particular Sunday and move between Track 1 and Track 2– that is not my preference. I much prefer to have a consistent use of one Track through the season. When I first came to Holy Trinity and through my first year, Track 1 was used. As we approached the season after Pentecost this year I made the decision to use the Track 2 scripture options for the next three years. Since we are currently in Year A this will take us through the full cycle of three years.

The goal and intent in the creation of the RCL was to allow for more of the Scripture to be read and taught. As an example – the reading from Zechariah on Sunday July 5 is the ONLY time that passage is read and is the ONLY passage from that book in all of the RCL. There are other passages that are only heard if Track 2 is used. Utilizing this Track allows us to hear more of Scripture.

I realize that not everyone would have noticed this change. I also know that some of you read the passages marked for the upcoming Sunday through the week – so I wanted you to be aware of what to read and I think it is always great to hear the reasons behind what we do.

Kathleen+

JULY CALENDAR

Wed 7/1- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

- Bible Study, 5pm

Fri 7/3- Office Closed

Sun 7/5- Spoken Eucharist 8am

Pastoral care 9:15

Mon 7/6 - Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

Wed 7/8- - Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

- Bible Study, 5pm

Mon 7/13- Diapers & wipes, 10-1

Wed 7/15- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

- Bible Study, 5pm

Mon 7/20- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

Wed 7/22- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

- Bible Study, 5pm

Mon 7/27- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

Wed 7/29- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1

- Bible Study, 5 pm



Summer Nursery Care

Just a reminder that throughout the summer nursery care on Sundays during the 10am service is for children ages infant to preschool (not yet in or finished with kindergarten). Additionally, the nursery will move upstairs into the parish hall until Sunday School begins again in September. Please remember that children are always welcome as participants in our church service.

Art Wall

In June, **paintings by William Arthur Anderson** were displayed on the Art Wall in the parish hall. Anderson lived in the San Francisco Bay Area in California, along with his wife Virginia and their four children (*including our own Evan Anderson!*).

Evan tells us that his father was, at one time, Pastor at First Congregational Church in San Francisco, and later worked in the field of psychotherapeutic social work. In his spare time, he became an accomplished artist, painting mostly with oils.

Look for Marianne Marshall's beautiful paintings on the Art Wall in July!



Open Door Dinner Reflections

What a wonderful opportunity the Open Door Dinner Program has been for Holy Trinity Parish and for the many lives the meals have touched. This year we were able to serve three main dinners. This was possible through the help of so many additional volunteers who came forward to help bring these dinners to our community.

We served about 80 meals at all three meals - a number that includes several takeout meals that were made up following the in-person service. It is always wonderful to hear how appreciated this outreach activity is to the many individuals that sit and dine with us!

Special thanks to Shelley Robtoy, Helen Short, Deanna Edwards, Natalie Good, Laura Simon, and Mary Wood for taking leadership on the three meals and thanks to the MANY INDIVIDUALS who helped shop, set up, cook, serve, clean-up throughout the meals.

Please note, that this Outreach Project could not be possible without the many people who work to support each meal. We encourage additional people to join us next year during the months of April, May and June as Holy Trinity's months of service arrive.

FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for **August 2nd at 1PM** for the Parish Picnic at Steve Marshall's on Maquam Shore. The rain date will be August 30th. Steve has a large lawn, picnic tables, a fire pit, and of course the beautiful shore of Lake Champlain. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Sign ups will be posted for side dishes and desserts. If some of our musicians are available, we can have a sing along in front of the fire.

You may have noticed that we are doing Coffee Hour a little differently. Fellowship is providing staple supplies of: cheese, cold meats, crackers, and beverages. Gluten free crackers are available. Coffee Hour hosts may supplement coffee hours with fruit and baked goods, if they desire. The impetus behind this change is to make coffee hour less expensive and easier for hosts to sponsor. We are grateful to Laura Simon who has taken the lead on obtaining the staple supplies while she is in Vermont this summer and fall. When she goes back to Florida for the winter, someone else will purchase the staples. If you'd like to become a Coffee Hour Host, please let Helen Short know and we'll add your name to the rotation.

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*](#)

There are copies of the book available on the table in the narthex. 10 copies have been ordered and if more are needed let Rev. Kathleen know.

Please read it at your own pace. There is no schedule to keep or deadline to meet. We will find a time to gather in early September for folks to share what they liked and learned from this book.

Parking Awareness

Just a friendly reminder that when folks park in front of the church it is appreciated if we try not to park over the sidewalk area. There is plenty of room for most cars to be safely inside the lane line. Doing this keeps the sidewalk clear for anyone walking particularly our neighbors with strollers, wheelchairs, or those riding bikes!



Updated Announcement About Holy Trinity's Audio/Visual Project

On Sunday, June 28th, the Vestry presented information about the fundraiser for donations to support the installation of visual and audio system for the church. Over the last several months a committee has worked on development of an action plan to help organize and conduct this fundraiser. Enclosed in the newsletter you will find a detailed action plan. Please look forward to hearing about ways you can help support this work. If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Wood or Helen Short who are co-chairing this project. We also want to provide you with bullets to explain the importance of exploring our initiative.

- *Enable Holy Trinity to be more visible in our community.
- *Allow families and friends to view important events such as baptisms, confirmation, weddings, and funerals.
- *Provide access to individuals to experience our worship and celebrations from outside the physical church setting.
- *Vestry decision to upgrade and increase the efficiency of the present AV equipment.
- *Fundraising goal of \$10,000 to go towards the \$28,350 total cost.
- *Vestry has developed an Action Plan... Please refer to Action Plan Sheet in this newsletter



Age Well Luncheon
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
July 16(Third Thurs of each month)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
To register 802-865-0360

Diaper Ministry

May, 2026

28 visits -
 43 wipes packages, 43 diaper packs
 111 Personal care products

June, 2026

34 visits -
 36 wipes packages, 37 diaper packs
 98 Personal care products

Vestry Update 6/8/26

- *Voted to replace motor in organ that allows for the organist to control the level of sound
- *Voted to replace the motor for the elevator door to allow that to be used
- *All are invited to the Open door dinner June 25th; 5:30pm
- *All are invited to the first concert of the St. John's, Highgate season: Citizens Concert Band, Wednesday, June 24th; 7pm
- *Vestry voted to be a charter organization for Family Troop 823 which has been meeting in our parish hall for a while. The troop needs to formally agree to this as well; so while it isn't yet final, we look forward to the possibilities with this continued partnership.

MUSIC AT GRACE, SHELDON

Friday, July 17, 7 p.m.: Dynamic quartet Frevo, featuring Peter and Wendy Matthews and Bonnie and Steve Klimowski, return with their eclectic repertoire.

Friday, July 31, 7 p.m. : Marsh Lights: Marsh Lights plays acoustic progressive folk-grass music with a hyper-literate edge and beautiful execution



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. Thank you, this will give us a fresh start after all open door dinners as we looking forward to canning activities and fall baking activities. Fellowship and Outreach Teams

Linda B's July Angels' Corner from the Heart

- 1- You are pure gold!
- 2- A smile especially yours – can turn your whole world around
- 3- Your angel and a little kindness can work big magic
- 4- You are destined to live your dreams
- 5- A lighter heart holds more
- 6- You make every day better just by being you
- 7- Inside you is a spring of strength that will never run dry

There is so much to celebrate about you! Too often we worry that we don't or won't measure up. But with our angels we are more than good enough. You are special and one of a kind

You take the pen, and the lines dance.
You take the flute, and the notes shimmer.
You take the brush and the colors sing.
Draw close to me, Lord, as I draw close to you.

Scripture reveals that a primary function of angels is to worship and praise God. Some angels praise God day and night.

Turn on your favorite worship music today and sing praises to God.

Angels bring a heavenly dimension to everyday life.

The foolish say that they believe in angels only when they see them. The wise understand that they will see angels only when they believe in them.

We find contentment in the simplest things all around us and every day life is full of joy and greatness.

Lord, when I think of your goodness, my faith grows more resilient. Thank you for the power of story so I can inspire others. The harvest is the end of the age and the harvesters are angels and they will weed out the ones that cause sin.

Remember to practice the Golden Rule. Remember – be kind to one another. It always works.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hunter Cheney
- 3 Pat Abui
- 5 Sarah Nielsen
- 13 Frank Short
- 16 Maluchy Abui
- 18 Shelley Robtoy
- 20 Katherine Winchester
- 26 Kathleen Schotto
- 27 Tara Webster
- 30 Randy LaFlam



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Amy & Rob Giroux
- 8 Barb & Steve Trushaw
- 13 Kathleen & Margaret Schotto
- 14 Sarah & Eric Hadd
- 20 Mary & Sam Carleton



In New Life

June 27 Harry Barrows
Moulton

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