



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

October 2026



Plenty Good Room - From the Rector

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Gospel of John 14:2. This is a favorite verse of mine because it means that there is "plenty good room" for everyone to come into God's house – to sit at the banquet table – to be welcomed in wholeheartedly.

Our stewardship season this year is based on this idea of "plenty good room". During the annual stewardship season there are two things that happen. Your prayers and discernment are requested for both of these things. First, work will begin on our parish budget for 2027. Please pray for and with the members of the finance committee as they work to use the resources we have to best serve God's will in our community. These folks will be working to find plenty good room in our budget for the running of our buildings and office, as well as maintaining fellowship, formation, worship, and outreach.

Second, is discernment about the gifts that God has given to you and your family and what of those gifts you are being called to share with our community. This can be in the form of talents you can share (you can join commissions or ministries at any time!) and it can also be in the form of an annual pledge. Pledge forms will be available between October 18 and November 22 when we will do the final ingathering and blessing of the pledges we have received.

Holy Trinity is deeply blessed and fortunate with the endowments we have been gifted and which have been cultivated over the years. A majority of our budget comes from the interest earned by those endowments every year. Even with that, we depend on annual pledges from our members to round out the budget. Prayerfully consider what you can give to the church and complete a pledge form. Having an idea of our income from pledges is an important piece of the budget development.

A prayer for this stewardship season: "Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission."

Kathleen+

Pet Blessing – Saturday, October 10, 3pm

Bring all the animals on Saturday October 10 at 3pm for a blessing of the animals. Scaly, feathered, furry or stuffed – we'll bless them all! Bring pictures of the pets or ashes for those who have crossed the rainbow bridge. We'll bless them all!

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 1

Mark your calendars! We'll be celebrating All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1. 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 the truth that while they are not physically present with us, they make up the great cloud of witnesses who are with us always.

In Search of.....A new Treasurer!

Make no mistake, our current treasurer is wonderful! We are so grateful for all the time that Steve Marshall has put into this role so faithfully for so long. He has indicated that after this year's budget process and annual report he would like to be able to move to serving primarily as a consultant and hand the leadership role over to someone new. Could it be you?

The Treasurer works with our paid bookkeeper (who is excellent) and pays attention to the monthly bills and cash flow. The bookkeeper is responsible for the actual record keeping and check writing. The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee, leads the annual process to create the budget, and advises the vestry on issues related to Holy Trinity finances as requested. Please prayerfully consider if this is a role to which you might be called. Speak to Rev.

Kathleen or Steve if you are interested.



Wednesday Bible Study

Starting Wed, Oct 7, 5pm, in the chapel

Looking at Sunday Readings

Come one, come all!

Bring your favorite Bible

Following the Path of Jesus

Dear Parents, and Friends of Holy Trinity Sunday School. We wanted to give you an update of this year's Sunday School Program. We will begin our program on October 4 & run our program once a month on the first Sunday of each month. Classes will run from 9:00-9:45. Classes will be open to any child in grade K-5. This will allow families the opportunity to attend the 8:00 or 10:00 service. Please note the nursery coverage will still continue for children K and under during the 10:00 service. If you are interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School classes, let Rev. Kathleen or Mary Wood know. The class will start with a welcome, snack, prayers, curriculum focus from The Path Family Storybook, a Journey Through the Bible for Families and close with an activity and take home follow-up.

Blessings, Kathleen+ and Mary

Rock Point Retreat

Join Holy Trinity for a weekend of outdoor fun October 15 to the 17 at Rock Point in Burlington. Festivities will include hiking, lawn games, and some summer camp staples, such as candle making and arts and crafts, and music around the campfire. Musicians, please bring your instruments!

We will also have plenty of time for prayer, including evening prayer Thursday and Friday, as well as a Eucharist on Saturday morning. If you are interested in participating as a reader or other role, let Ada Lyman know by Sun, Oct 11.

Those wishing to do so may stay in the cabins for the weekend. Please contact Ada and Tim at msadabee@gmail.com. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Pies for Bonnie

Please save the dates of Nov 12 & 13 for this year's pie making days. We would love to have helpers one or both days. We also want to welcome Carrie Klinefelter as our new co-chair to our team. Many of you know Carrie as she has worked on our projects throughout the years. She will be joining Shelley for planning this event this year. I have already ordered the boxes and pie tins. So, stay tuned for updates and watch for calls to volunteer. The two non-profits that will benefit from our project will be Sleep in Heavenly Peace and our own Diapers and Wipes program.

October Calendar

Sun 10/4- spoken service at 8am
Mon 10/5- Outreach 9am, Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
Tues 10/6- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Wed 10/7- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1, Bible Study, 5
Mon 10/12- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1, Vestry 5:30
Tues 10/13- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir 7pm
Wed 10/14- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1, Bible Study, 5
Mon 10/19- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
Tues 10/20- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
Wed 10/21- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1, Bible Study, 5
Thurs 10/22- Parish Potluck, gather at 5pm, meal at 6pm
Mon 10/26- Diapers & Wipes, 10-1
Tues 10/27- Crafts & Tea, 1-3, Choir, 7pm
Wed 10/28- Diapers & Wipes 10-1, Bible Study, 5



Diaper/Wipe Ministry

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

August 2026

32 visits
86 wipes packages, 42 diaper packs
82 Personal care products

September, 2026

31 visits
45 wipes packages, 44 diaper packs
113 Personal care products



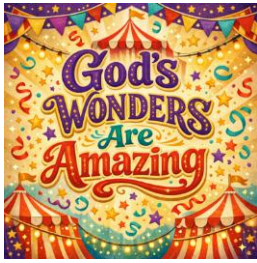
FELLOWSHIP

Crafts, Tea, and Cookies will be held on October 13th and 27th from 1-3 in either the Parish Hall or Chapel. This is a time for people to get together to work on a crafts and chat. Even if you don't have handiwork, come and join us just to chat.

Parish Fellowship Retreat will be held October 15th to 17th at Rock Point. Look for another article in this newsletter about this event.

The October Potluck will be on October 22nd. We'll gather for this informal event starting at 5 PM and eat at 6.

If you have ideas for or questions about Fellowship events, please contact Helen Short at [802-752-5497](tel:802-752-5497).



Halloween in the Park 2026

Have you even wanted to go off and join the Circus? Well now's your chance. This year, for Halloween in the Park, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Memorial United Methodist, and Nativity BVM-St. Louis Parish, invite you to be part of our annual ecumenical event. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on the young children and their families as they gather in the park on Saturday, October 24th from 5-7. Each church will be collecting donations of individually wrapped candy and snacks. Please see the donation location in each parish. To go along with the theme, you might also consider items like small bags of popcorn, pretzels, animal crackers, popcorn balls, and of course, any of your favorite candy choices.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in setting up our booth or handing out candy, please let Mary Wood, Jen Ploof or Tammy Tuttle know. We have selection of costumes for people to wear to make this a festive event for children and adults.

ST. JOHN'S, HIGHGATE

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

On Saturday, October 3rd at 3:30 in the afternoon St. John's has a wedding followed by a reception at the Manor across the Green. Our first wedding in a while & how delighted we are for them & us.

HISTORICAL SITES

Because we are on the National Registry of Historical Sites, we honor our promise to preserve St. John's Church.

Our beautiful St. John's has a new roof, new flooring, repaired front steps, polished pews, polished altar candles, polished flower vases, beautiful sounding organ, doors that open and close and caregivers who have vacuumed and dearly cared for our 200 year old church including beautiful light fixtures on the walls and ceilings of the church.

APPLEFEST

Our Applefest celebration is on Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 pm with Compline, apples, and live music outdoors.

Vestry Update, Sept 14

1. 2025 audit of our bank accounts and finances has been completed & will be submitted to the Diocese. Thanks go to Mary Wood, Steve Trushaw, Evan Brown, & Shelley Robtoy who chaired the group. Additional thanks go to Steve Marshall, Treasurer & Lisa Way, Bookkeeper for their stellar work throughout the year. And to Helen Short who assisted as consultant due to her many years as chair of that team.
2. Finance Commission will be meeting soon with Schwab rep in charge of some of our investments
3. Finance commission will also be meeting soon to begin work on the budget for 2027. Chairs of all commissions or ministries are asked to turn in a budget as soon as possible to Kiley who will get it to Steve Marshall and Shelley Robtoy
4. Parish retreat at Rock Point is coming up Oct 15-17. Many activities will take place on Sat, Oct 17 and attendees are also invited to stay in the cabins at Rock Point the evenings of Thur, Oct 15 & Fri Oct 16. More information will be forthcoming soon.
5. Halloween in the park – Sat Oct 24; we are participating again this year with the Methodist and Catholic churches. The theme is circus. Come dressed as a clown and support this ecumenical outreach.

Open Door Dinners

Fridays, 5:30

Memorial Methodist Church

Oct 23 & Nov 20



Martha's Kitchen for October

Lettuce Tomatoes

Cukes Any produce from your garden

After School Program Collection

Please save the metal pull tabs from your soda and beverage cans. The after-school program is collecting them for a craft. You can drop your collected tabs into the designated bag located in the narthex. Thank you for supporting the after-school program!

Linda B's Oct Angels Corner from the Heart

- 1- Today is full of fresh possibilities
- 2- You are a bright spot in someone's day with your angels
- 3- Your efforts are adding up beautifully
- 4- You have handled so much and you're still shining
- 5 - Take time to enjoy the little things
- 6 - You have got this one step at a time
- 7 - something wonderful is unfolding for you & your angels

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

Dream big, doubt small

Whatever it takes, set aside some time to spend with our Lord & our angels

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. Our angels always help

I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever! Young and old, everyone will hear you forever. Hearing us sing, our angels standing by

Angels give themselves fully for they have seen the face of love

Angel is the only word in the language which can never be worn out

We are most like angels when we stand ready to serve the good inside of us
How many angels are there who transform life - it's plenty

With clean hands and pure heart may I be worthy to do the work of angels

The Lord merely spoke and the heavens were created, He breathed the Word and all the stars were born

May God give us light to guide us
And Love to unite us

Now and evermore

Open my eyes to see you

Open my ears to hear your voice

Open my heart to hear your Word. Amen

Remember to be kind to one another . It always works



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

WEDDING BLESSING

- Sept 19 Ada & Tim Lyman

In New Life

- Sept 16 Evan Anderson
Funeral Nov 21, 11 am

- Sept 26 John Bower
Jane Bower's father
Funeral Oct 10, 10 am @ St Luke's

- Sept 30 Cheryl Blow
Ada Lyman's aunt



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