



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# *The Trinitarian*

June 2018



## **Parishioner Sharing**

- . Ann Marie Lockwood will investigate whether there is any interest among parishioners to travel to the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, continuing with travel to the Holy Land or other locations, if there is concern about safety. She will disperse information and hold a meeting for anyone who might be interested.
- . Gayle reported that some people have been dismayed by singing a different version of the Lord's Prayer during the 10:00 AM service. Fr. Mac mentioned that he also had received some negative feedback but explained that he had preached on the theological appropriateness of the sung version and that he had made it clear that this was a temporary change through the Easter season.
- . The regional Laundry Love meeting organized by Mary Johnson was very successful. Four different groups from as far away as Taunton attended. Discussion was productive.
- . A new co-chair is needed to work with Dave Scott on the stewardship campaign in the fall.

## **Treasurer's Report – Finance Committee**

- . **Copier** – The buyout is complete.
- . **Capital Campaign** – The active phase of the campaign is complete. Several additional people have indicated that they will contribute. The current total is 76 pledges for a total of \$345,293.
- . **Air Conditioning** – The air conditioning has been installed in the upper parish hall, the Lane Chapel, and the chancel. The contractor has been paid.
- . **Painting Contractor** – Painter's Pride has been hired to paint the church and the choir room. Painting will take place in July.

- . **Organ Update** – The current organ will be removed May 28-30. Rehab of the organ chamber will take place in June. Installation of the new organ will begin July 23.
- . **Organ Opening** – The engineering evaluation by RRC was completed on April 13. We are awaiting their letter and a bill. Harry Baker was contacted and has given a verbal estimate of \$1,450 for wall removal, stud replacement, wall replacement, sill, and paneling.
- . **Insulation** – One contractor has been in and another is scheduled to give estimates for insulation in the parish hall ceiling and the exterior walls of the organ chamber.
- . **Rectory Repairs** – The kitchen faucet has been replaced, exterior concrete work is complete, the railings have been started, and the deck drainage system is in process. The woodpecker issue has not been resolved. The damage is ongoing and considerable.
- . **Kitchen** – Dave Scott will put together a plan. The kitchen crew met and generated a list of items/changes they would like. John Ellis will contact Dennis LaPlante.
- . **Treasurer-in-Training** – The FinCom and Vestry will work on identifying someone to become treasurer-in-training for a year and then take over as treasurer.

#### **Wardens' Report**

- . **2018 Event Planning** – Parishioners are interested in social events that are not fundraisers. Potlucks and an off-site parish picnic keep coming up. Other possibilities include a Paw Sox or other athletic event and day trips to museums and/or gardens.
- . **Christmas Fair** – Gayle reported that a meeting was held to review last year and discuss the upcoming fair. Several changes have been made among table chairs.
- . **Christian Education Committee** – A Christian Education Committee is being formed to identify a new curriculum and format for the Sunday School. Contact Ginny Starkis at [vstarkis@verizon.net](mailto:vstarkis@verizon.net) to participate.

#### **Rector's Report**

- . **Confirmation Class** - This year's confirmation class of thirteen young people has been wonderful. Their fund-raising breakfast was a huge success. A new two-year class will be starting in the fall. Co-leaders are needed for the new class.
- . **Trinity Historiographer** – Steve Ketcham, who has been doing research and collecting information on Trinity, was unanimously elected Parish Historiographer.
- . **Bible Challenge** – The Bible Challenge is an opportunity to read the entire Bible over the course of a year and to meet and discuss with others. Fr. Mac has put together a guide with a list of all the readings. Discussion meetings will take place weekly at 10:15 on Wednesdays after the 9:00 Eucharist and monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm with a simple supper.

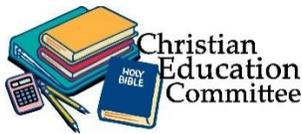
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## MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Change the Babies - Don't forget to help the children of the Mampong Children's Home in Ghana by dropping change in the "Change the Babies" canisters around the church. Everything collected helps feed and clothe the children. Thank you!

- *Trinity Mission Committee*

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Christian  
Education  
Committee

We are putting together a Christian Education Committee to identify a new curriculum and determine the format for the Sunday School as we move forward. The committee will start work in June. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Ginny Starkis at [vstarkis@verizon.net](mailto:vstarkis@verizon.net).

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CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to the capital campaign. The active phase is complete, but donations will be coming in over the next three years. Our current pledged total is \$345,293 from 76 families. Improvements at Trinity are already underway. Air conditioning has been installed in the parish hall, the Lane Chapel, and the chancel. The current organ will be removed May 28-30. The organ chamber will be rehabbed in June. The church interior will be repainted in late June into July. The installation of the new organ will begin July 23. The Kitchen Crew has identified some of the improvements and changes they would like for the kitchen. Exciting changes are in progress here! Thanks be to God!

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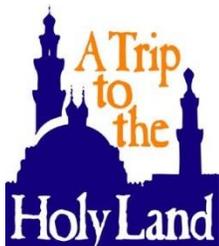


### TRINITY GFS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Lyall Chambers, who has been awarded a scholarship from the Trinity GFS Scholarship Fund. The members of Trinity Episcopal Church appreciate Lyall's individual contributions to our family of faith and wish him good luck in his college career. Thanks!

*Trinity GFS Scholarship Committee*

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### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Fisher – April 22 - May 4, 2019 – *only 13 spots left!*

Registration is now open for the Diocese of Western MA Pilgrimage to the Holy Land the day after Easter next year. Total cost is \$4,500 including round-trip airfare based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$500.00 per person will secure your place. A draft itinerary can be found at

<http://files.constantcontact.com/bf18a9ba001/b11a4111-c321-457b-92ec-263796b4ba76.pdf>

Registration will close at 30 pilgrims or on January 21, 2019. If you have questions related to the itinerary or transportation, please contact the Rev. Jim Munroe at [jamesgmunroe@gmail.com](mailto:jamesgmunroe@gmail.com)

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## THE ORIGIN OF FATHER'S DAY



**Father's Day!**

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



**FLAG DAY**

America was founded as a "nation under God," and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we're still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There's a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you're saying, "I'm an American and proud of what this flag represents." The flag stands for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!



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### ROMEO'S LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:30, at Lowell's Restaurant, Route 140, Mendon. Please contact Dave Clinkman at [clinkman@comcast.net](mailto:clinkman@comcast.net) or 508-634-8996 by Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend, so we can make reservations. Romeo's is a social group for retired men and other men who wish to join us during their lunch hours.

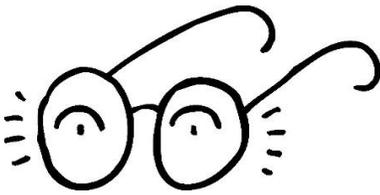


COMMUNITY DINNER

Trinity Church serves free dinners in a clean, pleasant, and friendly environment. Anyone who is hungry or lonely is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship with a satisfying meal.

Our upcoming dinners will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and June 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping to prepare and serve the dinner, please contact [communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org) to serve in this meaningful mission.

## EYEGGLASS RECYCLING



Trinity's participation in the Lions eyeglass recycling program continues. The current total of glasses collected by Trinity parishioners for people in need is 320. Anyone with eyeglasses, glasses cases, or gently used sunglasses that they no longer need can put them in the collection box near the piano in the parish hall. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!



The latest version of our Trinity Calendar is now available seven days a week, 24 hours a day on our Trinity Church web site. Please visit [www.trinitychurchmilford.org](http://www.trinitychurchmilford.org) and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page! If you need a paper copy of the monthly calendar, please call or send an email to the church office. Thank you.



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the July-August edition of *The Trinitarian* is June 15<sup>th</sup>. All articles should be sent to: [news@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:news@trinitychurchmilford.org). Please **do not** send articles to the church office.



**From the Editor**

May is winding down as I prepare the June newsletter. As predicted, we got a burst of blooms when it warmed up. Life can be like that too; there are times when we are in a rut and it's like being stuck at sea in a sailboat with no wind. Then the weather shifts, and it's smooth sailing again. Rather than dwelling on the negatives, and there are so many in life if you focus on it, try pinpointing those miraculous moments that happen to us all and savor them. Have a great summer!

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