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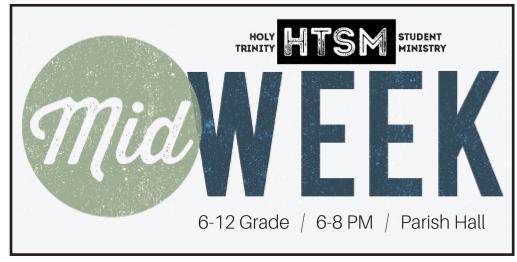
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SEPTEMBER 17 12:30 PM RED BANK BATTLEFIELD



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Living in the Future (Now)

Technology has revolutionzied everything. Why not the way we give? Tithely helps us bring the future to the present.

"Where we're going, we don't need roads." So says Doc Brown at the end of the 1985 classic "Back to the Future"—as he and Marty take off for another adventure in their time machine, transformed into a flying car.

We have been promised flying cars, jet packs, and robot servants for the last 50 years. Although we are still waiting for some of those things, we really are living in the future. The first iPhone came out a decade ago, which means there is an entire generation of people who are connected 24-7-365. Smartphones have become (at least in the West) a necessity. Our lives are tied to these little pieces of plastic, glass, and silicon—photos, contacts, email, banking: your life, all in the palm of your hands.

We live in the future.

But that means we also need to adapt in the present. Because of the rise of online shopping and smartphones, as well as the digitization of banking information, the way we think about money has changed too. In 2017, 1 in 10 people does not carry any cash at all. They think nothing of swiping a debit card for a \$3.00 coffee at the nearest Wawa, something unthinkable only 20 years ago. The way we carry money, think about money, and even the way we donate money has changed! The Salvation Army Santa Claus will soon need to trade in his bucket for a smartphone with Square©.

This change does not mean people are giving less. On the contrary, in 2016, online giving to charitable organizations increased by 7.9%. You've probably seen this through Facebook—especially in the wake of Hurricane Harvey—with people raising money for the Red Cross and Episcopal Relief and Development directly online.

And that's why it's important for us, at Holy Trinity, to make the future NOW. One of the ways we have done this is by partnering with the business Tithely. Tithely's mission is to help churches take advantage of modern giving trends and habits, by making online giving accessible to everyone. For a small fee per transaction, Tithely offers a range of services, including the ability to receive online donations, pledges, and tithes for only a small fee per transaction. They also include an option to cover those fees for the transaction, so the church gets the full amount of your donation.

Online giving is not going to replace our envelopes and checks. But what it will do is give folks more options for how they'd like to support the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity.

If you want to try it out for yourself, it's easy! Simply go to our website (www.holytrinitywenonah.org) and click the "GIVE" button on the home page. Follow the directions and in less than 5 minutes, you will be setup for online giving. If you have a smartphone, there is also a Tithely app that will let you give during the service; just download the app, follow the directions, and you're set.

We are living in the future because the future is now.



The Rev. Ben Maddison Rector

FROM THE RECTOR

"From the Rector" is a monthly column direct from the rector's desk. It touches on important events, goings-on, and general musings.





September is here, which means we're back to work and school. But the work of the church is just kicking off. That's why you won't want to miss Back-to-School Sunday and Rally Day.

Welcome Back!

Summer is a time to travel, to relax, to go to the shore. But, sice Labor Day has come and gone, we know that the summer fun can't last forever. Life is about to ramp back up into full gear. Work. School. Activities. Life. Summer lets us put those things on hold (at least for a little). But now they are back. But that's not a bad thing.

This year, we are welcoming this transition from Summer to fall in the best way we know how—two weeks of celebration. The end of summer isn't something to dread, but the start of something new!

Starting the second week in September, Holy Trinity will be unveiling several new ministries and fellowship opportunities. We hope that you might celebrate the return of the school and church year, learn about the new ministry opportunities, and have fun and fellowship with us.

Rally Day

At 9 AM, in between our two services on Sunday, September 10, we will host a ministry fair! Representatives from all the ministries in the church will tell us about those ministries and solicit new members and volunteers. New ministries like the Rector's Bible Study and Wednesday Eucharist—will also be introduced. There will also be some refreshments and an opportunity for fellowship and to catch up with folks who have been away for the summer.

Back-to-School Sunday

Although school has already started, and since Sunday, September 10 is the first Sunday of the new school year, we should mark it as special and important. School, like work for adults, is a place that gives meaning and value, and helps children learn, grow, and mature. God loves school, especially schools that make our kids better. We believe that God blesses schools and teachers for the work and ministry that they do.

But school isn't always easy. The pressure, anxiety, and competitiveness can be so much—even for our youngest students. So, we at Holy Trinity also want to remind our kids that no matter how they do or what they learn, that we love them and that God loves them. Because the amazing thing is when you know you are loved—unconditionally and forever—you want to show others that same love.

So, on September 10 at our 10 AM service (and, if there are

any children at 8 AM, then too) we will do two things: First, we will bless the backpacks (and bags). Each bag will be blessed and receive a tag, as a reminder that the holder of the bag is a beloved child of God and that they show others that same love. Second, we will commission the students (and workers) to have a blessed year and to be a blessing to others.

Marking the new school year is a way to claim it for God. And that's exactly what we want to do—as well as claim all the kids and adults for God too!

Parish Picnic

Lastly, be sure to join us for our final kick-off event, the annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 PM at the Red Bank Battlefield. This event is a potluck, with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) providing hot dogs and hamburgers. There is a signup sheet in the narthex; please RSVP with the size of your group and what you will be bringing. Everyone is welcome!



packs! Make sure you get one for your backpack or work bag.

Mrs. Melissa Semmes-Thorne Senior Warden

FROM THE WARDENS

"From the Wardens" is a monthly column from our elected wardens. Typically, it touches on important work of the Vestry and other important infromation for the parish.



Mr. Steve LoCastro, Jr. *Junior Warden*

Raze the Roof

This year's Frank S. Flowers Foundation Grant will be going to replace the roof on the rectory, as explained by our Senior Warden.

For many years Holy Trinity has been fortunate enough to receive a yearly grant from the Flowers Fund. This is not a fund that has anything to do with the blossoms and decorative foliage that regularly show up on our altar. It comes from the Frank S. Flowers Foundation, of which Christine Flowers is an administrator. She and her family have had a connection with Holy Trinity for many years. Each year, in the spring, we submit an application for a grant, the money from which must be used for something having to do with the upkeep and/or maintenance of the church property. Previous Flowers Fund grants have given us the original air conditioning in the sanctuary, the sound system, the new windows in the parish hall, the new windows in the rectory, the sign in front of the church, the ramp and railings from the parking lot into the building, and others. There is a plaque in the hall outside the chapel with a partial list of the Flowers Fund grants through the years.

This year we asked for funds to replace the roof of the rectory. It was an element of the renovation which we felt could be put off for a year or two. Much of that time has passed, and

the roof needs to be replaced now. We also requested funds to put a fence around the back yard of the rectory property, to define the property borders and improve the general ambiance. (The fact that it would help the Maddisons and their amazing dogs was only an additional reason for the fence!).

We were given a grant of \$8000. This, combined with what remains of the rectory renovation fund, and a little bit from the checking, will pay for the re-roofing of the rectory and the garage. The vestry received bids from three roofing companies, and opted to go with Morton Roofing Company. They have alredy dropped off the materials and began the work Tuesday, September 5.

We are still hoping to find funding for the fencing of the rectory back yard. Until that happens, that project has been put on hold.

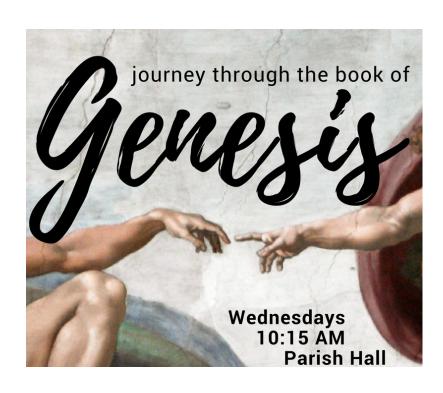
We are extremely grateful to the Flowers Fund for granting us these funds now and through the years. Please check out the plaque in the hallway, so you can truly appreciate all that they have done for us, and watch for the new roof!

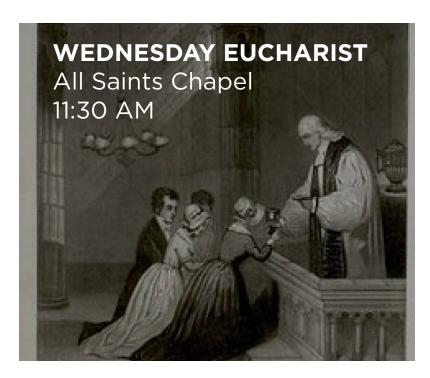
STUDY

Interested in the Bible but don't know where to start? Looking to go deeper but scared to go on your own? This is the class for you.

Our rector, Ben Maddison, will be teaching through the book of Genesis. We will dive deeply into the words, history, and meaning of the text, and we might also have a little fun! Join us–everyone is welcome—Wednesdays at 10:15 AM.

No homework & be sure to bring a Bible.





WORSHIP

Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 AM for a service of Holy Communion. This spoken service will be held in the All Saints Chapel. The service is about 30 minutes and includes a brief homily. The service is casual and open to everyone.

This service is taking the place of the Saturday 5:00 PM service.

Wednesdays at Holy Trinity

Study and worship that feeds the mind and soul.

Outreach Updates

Holy Trinity is a church that listens to God's call to love our neighbor and tries, with God's help, to share that love with those in need.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

Sunday August 20 through August 26 we hosted two families at Holy Trinity that needed a helping hand during a very difficult period in their lives.

Thank you to our volunteers, who helped make this week a success. They put aside the cares and worries of their world and worked to show God's love to those who need it most.

Actions have a profound effect on the lives of our neighbors in need. In a world that seems to be constantly at the breaking point, I am proud of our volunteers:

YOU have chosen love over anger. YOU are reaching out your hand to hold up your neighbors until they get their feet back under them. YOU are making a difference! Together we made two families feel warm, cozy, and very comfortable during a time in their lives when they feel fragile.

I do not have words to describe how proud I am to be associated with such caring people. I am TRULY in awe of all the warm hearts that fill the hallways of our little church.

Thank you so much for volunteering,

Sean Garvin

IHN Coordinator at HT

Bright Beginnings at the YMCA of Gloucester County

On Saturday, August 26, Holy Trinity sent 13 volunteers (and many donations) to the YMCA's "Bright Beginnings" event. At this event, volunteers took children in need of clothes and school supplies shopping to prepare for the new school year. It was an amazing event; the kids were grateful, the volunteers were happy, and it was a successful event.

Kitchen of Hope (KOH) Pantry

KOH is a ministry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glassboro, NJ. KOH is an outreach of love and compassion, providing free food, school supplies and winter coats, hats and gloves for needy families. Members of Holy Trinity bring in non-perishable foods for distribution at the Kitchen of Hope. On the second Friday and second Saturday of the month, Holy Trinity members deliver food to St. Thomas and help pack bags.

Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

KOH September 8 & 9

IHN December 10-16



Holy Trinity Volunteers at this year's Bright Beginnings Event at the YMCA, Left to Right: Jackie Gould, Roger Savage, Anna Sahkul, Joetta Eldridge, Elias Sahkul, Rita Curry, Joanne Hutison, Connor Cassidy, Rhoda Miller, Susan Cassidy, Ian Garvin, Nancy Garvin.

KOH Basket Auction Saturday, September 30

With an estimated 130 baskets to choose from, the Kitchen of Hope's annual fund-raiser on September 30 will offer something for just about every taste.

Several Holy Trinity families have either made up baskets or have contributed to existing ones. They include a Disney package with a \$50 gift card; a patriotic basket; a game night basket that includes some Star Wars items; a barbecue basket; a tea set; and a solar lantern, table and Wine Warehouse gift card.

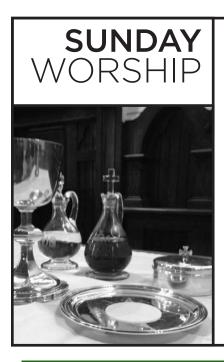
In addition, two different sized large screen televisions will be available, as will a large number of gift cards donated by area businesses. The second annual event will take place at the Moose Lodge in Lindenwold, with doors opening at 7:00. The entry fee is only \$10, which will include 25 basket tickets. Food menu items include pizza and hot dogs. Tickets can be purchased at Holy Trinity after the 8:00 and 10:00 services for the next few weeks.

Money raised at the event will be used to purchase food for the monthly give-aways, as well as to help fund the purchase of a climate-controlled storage shed that will be located on the St. Thomas Church property.

For more information, contact Gar Miller at garland4@comcast.net.

Sundays at Holy Trinity

From what we read, to what we study, to what we pray for, the work of the Church happens on Sundays.



September 3

13th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 17)

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

September 10

14th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 18)

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

15th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 19)

Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

16th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 20)

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16



Same Story; Different Day: Being a Christian in the 21st Century

Join us at 9 AM on Sunday mornings as we ask "What does it mean to be a Christian in the 21st Century?" What we'll see is that, as the quip goes, "the more things change; the more they stay the same."

Taught by our rector, Ben Maddison, this class is for adults of all ages and knowledge levels. It is a fun and laid back time of formation and fellowship.

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

A spoken service of Holy Communion in traditional language

9:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages

Pre-K - 12th Grade in the Education Wing

Lectionary-Based Curriculum

Pre-K to K Classroom 2
1st to 3rd Grades Classroom 3
4th to 6th Grades Classroom 4
7th to 12th Grades Youth Room

Adult Sunday School in Parish Hall

Topical Class Taught by the Rector

Topic: Same Story; Different Day:

Being a Christians in the 21st Century

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

A service of Holy Communion in modern language, featuring music and choir

11:30 AM Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR

IMMEDATE NEED

Tiffany Broomall Margaret Carr Poppy Dejesus Michael DePaola Toni H. Heather Heitman Rita Hemple Jane & Doc Hendrick Chiara Law Michelle Marhefka Leonard Mikulski

CONTINUING NEED

Alfred, John, Nadine, Davon, William, Greta, Willie, Gabby, Sally, Emma, Roger, Debbie, Brian, Rod, Stephan. Joan Munyon Sarah Peroli Brenda Prus Miriam Reichenbach Patrick Simon Judy Stewart Donna & Allie Ungrue Diane Weeks Bill Wernig Mary West Billy Yeager Gail Zelley Jeanette Zeppel

ARMED SERVICES/ DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Matt Elizabeth Christina Bernard Jonathan Brian



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Greg Perugini	9/3	Steve LoCastro, Jr.	9/13	Elias Sahkul	9/23
Bruce Hoffman	9/3	Jennifer Beers	9/13	Fred Cimino	9/23
Mike Kampmeier	9/3	Sean Garvin	9/13	Christine Therkildsen	9/24
Madeline Morris	9/4	Bryan Broughton	9/14	Noah Thompson	9/25
Nathaniel Rodwell-Simon	9/4	Riley Cassidy	9/14	Rich Beers	9/26
Laura Murphy	9/5	Mark Cimino	9/16	Jack Shearstone	9/26
Steve LoCastro, Sr.	9/6	Willie Jackson	9/16	Frank Newkirk	9/26
Phyllis Joslin	9/7	Rita Curry	9/18	Gar Miller	9/28
Louisa Sahkul	9/10	Darren Provine	9/21	Connor Muldowney	9/29
Stephan Green	9/11	Becky Szczepanski	9/22	Barb Myers	9/30
Nancy Conners	9/12	Nicholas LoCastro	9/23	Nathan Miller	9/30
Sally Thorne	9/12	Robert Broughton	9/23	Autum Murphy	9/30



Ray & Debby Galanti	9/8
David & Colleen Blackburn	9/15
Frank & Marge Newkirk	9/15
Sean & Nancy Garvin	9/21
Gerry & Joanne Hutchison	9/23
Mark & Leslie Sienkiewicz	9/25
Lloyd & Lisa Curtis	9/28
Joe & Maureen Cigala	9/30

"Pray Without Ceasing"

We remember those who want our prayers, who need our prayers, and who are praying for us.

Ministry Updates

News and important information for ministries that are important to you.



Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW Update

Welcome back from your summer adventures! Hopefully they provided ample relaxation so that everyone is recharged for the "new" year. The ECW will reconvene on its usual second Monday, Sept. 11th in the Parish Hall. We begin at 7:00pm, and will continue our practice of keeping the meetings short and sweet. There are several things on the agenda already, but, as every woman who attends Holy Trinity is automatically a member of the ECW, we'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas as well. See you there!

Men's Ministry Update

We are looking forward to the start of All-Parish Breakfasts again in the fall. We are also hoping to get some other events scheduled for the men of the church.

Keep an eye out in this section for up-to-date information. If you want to get involved, contact Gary Henderson.



Men's Ministry at HT (MMHT)

Music Ministry Update

The Holy Trinity Music Ministry offers meaningful worship opportunities through sacred music in the Anglican tradition. With careful preparation and rehearsal the musicians of the parish enable all to experience the transcendence of the living God through music.

ADULT CHOIR

All volunteer choir rehearsal is Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We always welcome new members and would love for you to join us!

Rehearsal starts September 7.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir is open to all children and youth, from first grade through high school. The Children's Choir rehearsal is Sunday, after the second service, at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary.

Rehearsal starts September 10.



Mrs. Margie MacWilliams

Director of Music



...and walk in love, as Christ loved us

Ephesians 5:2 (RSV)

These are the familiar words of the offertory sentence, said before we turn our attention to the Lord's Table and offer our gifts of bread, wine, and tithe. We offer our gifts—our time, talent, and treasure—to the church, in thankfulness for the grace and love that God shows us in Christ Jesus. Annual Stewardship is a joyful and generous response to God's gracious gift to us.

Starting on **October 15**, we will hear from parishioners about how they have seen and been touched by Holy Trinity's "walking in love" through its various ministries and work. We'll give thanks for that journey, and look to 2018 for the new ways God is calling us to walk in love.

On **November 12**, we will host an **In Gathering Brunch**, following a combined service at 9 AM. Pledge cards will be available in the Narthex starting October 15; please return them by Nov. 12 or fill out an online pledge form at **bit.ly/htecstewardship2018**.

Stewardship & Financial Updates

Faithful Christian service means open and transparent financial accounting and contributing to the work and mission of the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FROM JUNE 2017

Operational

Checking \$31,572.78 <u>Gift Card</u> \$2,287.43 \$33,860.21

Non Operational

Memorial\$3,979.80Rectory\$4,290.00BBQ\$2,586.00\$10,855.80

Investments

DIT \$128,172.20

Operational YTD Totals

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$70,170.85	\$71,023.99	\$853.14
Expenses	\$74,065.35	\$65,966.38	\$8,098.97
Net Difference	-\$3,894.50	\$5,057.61	\$8,952.11

Total Assets \$172,888.21

Total Liabilities -\$43,000.00 (Mortgage)

Coming Soon

New things are always happening, and you won't want to miss anything.



SEPTEMBER 17 12:30 PM RED BANK BATTLEFIELD



Be sure to sign up for the picnic in the Narthex!

PARISH PICNIC Sept. 17 at 12:30 Red Bank Battlefield 100 Hessian Ave. National Park, NJ 08063

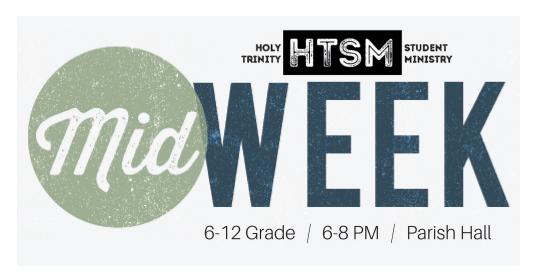
Join us for the parish picnic. This event is a potluck, with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) providing hot dogs and hamburgers. There is a signup sheet in the narthex; please RSVP with the size of your group and what you will be bringing. It will be a fun afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun. Everyone is welcome!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Nancy Garvin at **sjoecorp@comcast.net**.

HTSM: MIDWEEK 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Parish Hall

Join the HTSM youth group for MIDWEEK! Food. Fellowship. Formation. Fun.

Midweek meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. It's a time to hang out, build friendships, and talk about faith. It's a casual meeting with dinner generously provided by volunteers. It meets in the Parish Hall from 6 to 8 PM.



September 13 & 27 || October 11 & 25 || November 8

If you would like to get involved or would like more information, contact Ben Maddison at rector@holytrinitywenonah.org.

Mark your calendars! Ben's installation by the Bishop will be October 28.

September Calendar

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6	Office Closed	8am - Morning		7:30pm - Adult Choir	8:45am - KOH Pick-up	8:30am - Kitchen of
	7:30pm - Spotliters	■5:15pm - Evening			8:30pm - AA	9am - Lay Day of
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6	Office Closed	8am - Morning	10:15am - Rector's	7:30pm - Adult Choir	8:30pm - AA	
	7 pm - ECW Meeting	5:15pm - Evening	11:30am - Eucharist			
10am - Blessing of the			6pm - HTSM Mid-Week			
11:30am - Coffee						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
6	Office Closed	8am - Morning	10:15am - Rector's	7:30pm - Adult Choir	Submission for Banner	
		■5:15pm - Evening	11:30am - Eucharist		8:30pm - AA	
		6:30pm - Vestry				
12:30pm - Parish Picnic						
24	25	26	27	28	59	30
<u></u>	Office Closed	8am - Morning	10:15am - Rector's	7:30pm - Adult Choir	8:30pm - AA	2pm - Older Adults
		8:30am - Liturgy	11:30am - Eucharist			7pm - KOH Fundraiser
		■5:15pm - Evening	6pm - HTSM Mid-Week			
		6:30pm - Lectors'				

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NEXT MONTH

9/10 9:00 <i>a</i> Ra 9/10 10:00 <i>p</i> Ba 9/11 7:00 p Ep 9/13 10:15 a Rec 9/13 11:30 a We	Rally Day Ministry Fair	10/1	12:00 p	12:00 p Newcomers/Members Class (Pt. 1)
	Back-to-School Sunday	10/8	12:00 p	12:00 p Newcomers/Members Class (Pt. 2)
	Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Starts	10/15	10:00 a	10:00 a Baptism
	Rector's Bible Study Starts	10/15	12:00 p	12:00 p Newcomers/Members Class (Pt. 3)
	Wednesday Eucharist Starts	10/24	6:30 p	6:30 p Vestry

9/10	9:00 a	Rally Day Ministry Fair	10/1	12:00 p	_
9/10		Back-to-School Sunday	10/8	12:00 p	_
9/11		Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Starts	10/15	10:00 a	ш
9/13		Rector's Bible Study Starts	10/15	12:00 p	_
9/13		Wednesday Eucharist Starts	10/24	6:30 p	
9/13		HTSM Midweek Starts	10/26	6:00 p	_
9/17		Parish Picnic (Red Bank Battlefield)	10/28	10:00 a	H
9/19		Vestry	10/31	6:30 p	_
9/24	12:00 p	Acolyte Training			
9/56	6:30 p	Lectors' Meeting			

Newcomers Party **Ben's Installation** Lectors Meeting



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Senior Warden

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HOLY TRINITY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP