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SUMMER 2018

# BANNER



*Resting Up for Fall*

*Pod People for Jesus | Altar Flowers Update | Mid-Year Statements of Giving*

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# The 4<sup>th</sup> of July at HT

*Join us for the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual parade and celebration!*



It's here once again: the world famous Wenonah 4th of July Parade. The theme of the parade this year is "All Things Wenonah!" Holy Trinity is one of the things that makes Wenonah special, so let's honor the church, the town, and the country as we march in the parade!

We need your help! It takes many people to make our parade participation a success: folks to carry the banner, to throw out candy to the kids, to give dog treats to the pups, and to pass out flyers for Holy Trinity. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Ben Maddison or sign up online for more details. Be sure to wear red, white, and blue!

Here is the timeline for our participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:

7:45 AM	Arrive at Holy Trinity
8:00 AM	Make our way to the parade
8:30 AM	Parade Starts
9:30 AM	Parade Ends, return to HT
10:00 A	Festivities continue in the park

*We hope you'll support Holy Trinity in this 63-year Wenonah Tradition.*

## CHICKEN BBQ UPDATE & THANK YOU!

This year marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Trinity Chicken Barbecue, and once again, it was a great success. With over 400 chickens sold, we brought in \$2,850 and made contact with hundreds of folks from in and around Wenonah!

We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, cooked, sold tickets, or support the event. We'd like to offer out special thanks and recognition to Carla and Gary Henderson, and all the folks who served on the Chicken Barbecue Committee. It wouldn't have happened without your hard work, dedication, and love of Holy trinity! Thank you!

*We are forming next year's Chicken Barbecue Committe this summer. If you are intersted in helping out, or have ideas to make it even better, contact Ben Maddison at [rector@holytrinitywenonah.org](mailto:rector@holytrinitywenonah.org).*

# Making Disciples Pod People for Jesus

*They look like us, they act like us, but they aren't us!*

Dear Holy Trinity,

In 1978, Donald Sutherland starred in a remake of the classic 1950s communist-themed horror movie *The Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. One of those rare movie remakes that is better than the original, it gives the viewer a deep and terrifying look into the psyche of the late 70's and the height of the Cold War era.

The *Body Snatchers*—or alien “pod people”—were a terrifying monster for audiences in the 1950's and 1970's. They look like us, they talk like us, but they aren't us. Loved-ones, friends and neighbors all replaced by an invading army that is indecipherable from anyone else. They are among us, and we don't even know it. You can just feel the hair on the back of your neck standing up.

It might seem odd, then, to compare Christians to “pod people”. We don't typically think of Christians as scary or threatening. However, there's always been something “other-worldly” about Christians. We are a people who live in the present, but as Andrew Lloyd Webber perfectly captures in the words of Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, “they've all got heaven on their minds.”

## FROM THE RECTOR



The Rev. Ben Maddison  
Rector



If there is a short-game and a long-game, Christians are on the side of the long-game. As Paul says in Romans 8:18, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.” Christians are in the world, but not of the world; present focused on loving God and our neighbors, but ever-mindful of that sure and distant hope that all things are being perfected and drawn back to God.

And the thing about these disciples of Christ—I mean “pod people”—is that they blend in. They are indecipherable from anyone else. They have the same hopes, same dreams, same fears, and same worries. They are scattered throughout the world, and are secretly loving God and loving their neighbor without receiving any accolades or affirmation.

But unlike the *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, Jesus “pod people” have been transformed, not by some nefarious inter-galactic force, but by the Holy Spirit—God working in them to do “all such good work as God has prepared for us to walk in.” We are not a war-like invasion force, we are a group of forgiven sinners, of healed patients, and rebuilt disasters. The goal of God's invasion by the Holy Spirit is not domination, but love, and light, and care.

As a church, and as your priest, it's my job to help make disciples “pod people” for Jesus. I want to bring people into this secret club of hope and expectation, one that lives for those everyday moments of love, but also has its mind and hope set on the future. I want to introduce people to the most powerful, most life-changing, most amazing thing in the universe—Love. And those introductions are made through formation and discipleship.

This fall, we will be unveiling several new opportunities for people to grow in their faith and walk with Jesus Christ. We are hoping that these opportunities might be the push we all need to go from unsuspecting human to “pod person” for Jesus.

Whether you feel well versed in the language of and faith in Christ or could use a new start and a fresh base on which to build, we will offer something for you. Also, we will make opportunities for the whole family to be formed together.

Lets become “pod people” disciples of Jesus!

In Christ,

# From the Senior Warden

## *Capitol improvements and maintenance of our physical plant.*

One of the main focuses of the vestry is the maintenance and improvement of both our church and rectory. Here's a bit of an update on both those fronts:

A generous gift from the Frank S. Flowers Fund will be used to improve the rectory and the church: the rectory will get a fence surrounding the property, and the church will get a modern security system. Lee Rodriguez, beloved 8am attendee, left a generous final gift to the church. Some of that money will be used to negotiate with the Diocese regarding our outstanding loan, dating back to when Holy Trinity first came to be. For the rest of the memorial, there are several ideas for how we can both honor Lee as well as improve the functionality and aesthetic of the church.

There will be more to come regarding Lee's gift.

Regarding maintenance, we have recently needed to find a new lawn care company, as our usual provider has closed their doors for good. The lawn has been mowed a few times without a contract in place, but the vestry is working towards creating a long-term relationship for lawn care, mulching, and snow removal as needed.

Finally, the window in the narthex that houses a beautiful stained glass display was cracked, and needed to be replaced. South Jersey Glass and Door did a great job replacing that window for us, and the stained glass display is being enjoyed once again.

Steve LoCastro

## Scripture of the Month

*God provides a bird buffet for the people of Israel.*



Some time after Moses shared the Holy Spirit with seventy elders, God sent a large amount of quail for the Israelites to gather and eat, at least ten *homers* (a biblical unit of measure) a piece. But just how much is that really? Let's take a closer look:

### **Numbers 11:31-32**

<sup>31</sup>Then a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quails from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, about two cubits deep on the ground. <sup>32</sup>So the people worked all that day and night and all the next day, gathering the quails; the least anyone gathered was ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

Let's start with the cubits. A cubit is the length of a forearm, ranging from 18 to 21 inches. That means there was roughly three feet of quail on the ground those days.

Now let's get to the homers. A homer equals 10 ephahs, or about 58 gallons. 58 gallons times 10 homers per person equals 580 gallons of quail. Now, the average quail weighs 3.4 ounces. 128 ounces per gallon divided by 3.4 ounces per quail is about 37 quail per gallon. That 37 times the 580 gallons equals 21,460.

In those two days each person gathered at least 21,000 quail. That's quite a quantity of quail!

Steve LoCastro

## 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 information for the parish.*



# Altar Flowers Update

**Getting back to what really matters—ministry to and for kids.**

You may have noticed that on several Sundays there have not been any flowers on the altar. A few months ago, in an effort to save money, the vestry voted to stop providing flowers for every Sunday in the season after Pentecost (May through November).

Flowers will only be provided for weeks that have been signed-up for on the flower chart in the Parish Hall.

In consultation with the Altar Guild, it was decided to try a new florist for our Sunday arrangements. After years of working with Sanderson, we have begun working with Lamplight Florist (on Glassboro Road). We have been greatly impressed by their arrangements.

The current cost of our weekly arrangements is \$50 (\$25 per arrangement). In the past, we have asked for donations of \$25 to cover the cost of flowers, but we are now asking for at least \$35 (and \$50, if possible, to cover the whole cost of the arrangements).

Anyone can donate flowers—for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, or for any reason. Simply sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall, or contact Ben Maddison to reserve a Sunday for flowers. Flowers are a great way to honor loved ones, and to give thanks to God for all the blessings of this life.

To cover your donation of flowers, simply make a check payable to Holy Trinity (or put your cash in an envelope) and place it in the offering plate or the treasurer's mailbox.



*Flowers from Easter 2018, Lamplight Florists*

There are still dates available during Ordinary Time if you'd like to reserve altar flowers for Sunday. Check out the dates below and sign up in the flower chart!

## **DATES AVAILABLE:**

July 8

September 30

October 7

## ***Thank You!***

**Most Sundays (except during Lent), flower arrangements flank the communion table.** These flowers are an offering to God as an act of thanksgivings: an offering of beauty and fragrance for the creator, redeemer, and sustainer of the world. The flowers are also offered with special intention for the needs and thanksgiving of our community, including commemorating birthdays, anniversaries, births, special events, and remembrances.

The beautiful arrangements that appear week after week are an offering from the people of Holy Trinity to honor God and beautify our worship space.

Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers this year or for the remainder of 2018. After our request, we had a resounding response and almost every week has been filled.

Thank you especially to the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Holy Trinity, for offering to cover flowers for three weeks during ordinary time.

***It's you, the people of Holy Trinity, who make this possible. Thank you!***

# Ministry Updates

News and important information for ministries important to you.

## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

We ended our church year with the usual disbursement of funds, and with continued gratitude for our church family, without whom we wouldn't be able to make as big an impact in the world. Financial support will go to 12 outreach areas, as well as to our own church picnic, and youth attendance at General Convention in Austin, Texas. It is always so heartwarming to help do God's work!

New members of the Altar Guild have made us happy: Debbie Blackburn, Pat Brabazon, and Michael Miller. This is quite timely, as Greta Brown and Mary Moore retired after decades of service - thank you ladies!

There is always room for more members though, and we would especially love to have more junior members. Please contact Joanne Hutchison (856-423-5826) for more information.

Have a happy, healthy, relaxing, stimulating summer (your choice), while we look forward to reconvening on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Remember that short meetings are our specialty.



## WAWA COUPONS FUNDRAISER

Do you need a quick meal during this busy season? Are you looking for small gifts for friends? Wawa coupons fit the bill. They are \$4 each for a shortie hoagie or a sandwich. See Jackie Gould after the 8 AM service or Nancy Garvin after the 10 AM service.



## Music Ministry

### Music News

Happy summer everyone!

Both the adult and children's choirs are on break for the summer. However, that doesn't mean music goes away at church.

I am looking for soloists in the summer. Please let me know if you would like to sing or play an instrument as an offering to God during the service! We would greatly appreciate your donation of time and talent.

Adult choir rehearsals will resume September 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Joyful Noise Choir will rehearse after church on September 9, 2018 after the 10 AM service (approx. 11:30 AM).

Have a safe and happy summer!



**Mrs. Margie MacWilliams**  
*Director of Music*



### Upcoming KOH Opportunities

Load Cars	7/13 & 8/10	8:45 AM
Distribution	7/14 & 8/11	7:00 AM

KOH is an outreach of love and compassion, providing food and school supplies to as many as 150 families in need. On Friday morning, the food is delivered; on Saturday, the food is packed and distributed. Come volunteer with us!

***Interested in helping? Drop off non-perishable food each month for KOH or help distribute food on the second Saturday of the month!***



### Family Promise of Gloucester County

Family Promise of Gloucester County (FPGC), formerly IHN, is a national program that aids families experiencing homelessness. If you would like to get connected to IHN, or find out ways you can volunteer, email Sean Garvin at **ilvmaine@comcast.net**.

The next weeks for Family Promise at Holy Trinity will be:

**August 12-18**

**December 9-15**

*We are always in need of Shoprite/Acme gift cards if you are looking for another way to help!*

## OUTREACH NEWS

### FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

*By Sean & Nancy Garvin*

Get ready! Our next host week is August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The last two host weeks (March & May) we had a few small hurdles to jump over. As usual Holy Trinity came together and lifted each other across the finish line.

In March I got sick and spent three days in the hospital having my appendix removed during our host week. Again, everyone pitched in and got it done.

In May most of our usual overnights had previous plans and could not help out this time. Fortunately we had some new overnight volunteers step up and fill those spots.

Thank you to all the amazing people at Holy Trinity who help our neighbors that need a little lift for the moment.

I get updates all the time about progress of the families that we are helping.

If you remember Wanda and her son Daniel, they should have a signed lease in hand by next week, so she will not be with us again in August.

Cindy, Chawn and their two kids will also be signing a lease in the next week or two and will not be with us again.

The Mendez Family already graduated and has moved (with a lot of help from Family Promise) to South Carolina where they have solid family support.

Family Promise really works and it is because of the love and compassion that our volunteers have for their fellow man.

What we are doing is really making a difference in the lives of people in our community that need a helping hand.

Thank you all so much.

# Outreach Updates

**Find ways to love your neighbor, volunteer with friends, and share the gift of God's grace with the world.**

# HTSM: Summer Programs

*Fun for students in 6th-12th grade, with added offerings from St. Thomas (Glassboro).*

HTSM is Holy Trinity's Student Ministry and is open to all youth in 6th through 12th grade. If you are moving into 6th grade, you're invited! Be sure to mark your calendars for other great HTSM events (in bold) and joint-youth programs this summer:

Sat. July 14	7:00 AM	<b>Volunteering @ KOH</b>
Fri. July 20	6:00 PM	<b>Lock-In</b>
Sat. July 28	10:30 A	Family Tubing Trip <i>Hosted by St. Thomas, \$20/per person</i>
Fri. Aug 2	7:00 PM	Family Movie Night at St. Thomas (Glassboro) <i>Hosted by St. Thomas</i>
Sat. Aug 11	7:00 AM	<b>Volunteering @ KOH</b>
Fri. Aug 24	6:00 PM	<b>Dive-In!</b>
Sat. Aug 30	8:00 A	Philly Zoo <i>Hosted by St. Thomas, \$25/per person</i>
Sat. Sept. 8	7:00 A	<b>Volunteering @ KOH</b>

**NOTE: All St. Thomas events are open to children of all ages. Families are invited!**



**JUNE 27**  
End of  
School  
Swim & BBQ

**JULY 20-21**  
Summer  
Lock-In  
6 PM to 9 AM

**AUGUST 24**  
A Trip to the  
Drive-In



# Mid-Year Statement of Giving

*A church “best practice” and a benefit for our pledgers.*

Near the end of July, each pledger to Holy Trinity will be receiving a letter in their inbox or mailbox. We don't want you to be shocked or confused when it arrives, so we figured we'd take a few minutes to explain.

Traditionally at Holy Trinity, pledgers have received a statement of giving in November before receiving a final statement of giving in early January. Producing statements of giving is time consuming, so limiting it to once a year made sense. The idea was that a statement in November would give any pledgers the opportunity to spot any inconsistencies or mistakes on their statement and give the church time to rectify it. The statement also helps pledgers know how they have done on their pledge over the year and gives them time to complete their pledge before the end of the year.

After discussions with the treasurer, we have evaluated the way we send out statement of giving letters. In accordance with our work toward best practices, accountability, and transparency, we decided it makes sense to send out a second statement of giving letter at mid-year. This will accomplish the same things as the statement in November but give pledgers the information we have to leave ample time to correct

mistakes, update one's pledge, or just get a sense of where one's giving is after the first six months of the year.

The mid-year statements of giving will go out electronically (everyone for whom we have an email address.) For those folks without a computer, a paper copy will be made available. If you are new to the church, or a regular giver but not a pledger, now is a great time to fill out a pledge card so we can assist you in tracking your giving for the remainder of the year. If you'd like a pledge card, contact Ben Maddison and he will make one available for you.

We hope this new policy is helpful and helps demystify giving and pledging at Holy Trinity. As I was fond of saying last year: “it's not about the money; it's about our relationship with God.” However, you do trust us to be good stewards of your resources, and we want to reassure and give you confidence in our work and record keeping.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to and supports the work and mission of Holy Trinity, either by pledging, by donating time, talent, and treasure, or simply by participating in the life and work of the church. You make Holy Trinity what it is! Thank you.

*Ben Maddison*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM MAY 2018

### Operational

Checking	\$ 25,223.11
Gift Card	\$ 1,779.43
	<u>\$ 27,002.54</u>

### Non Operational

Memorial	\$ 59,939.30
Grants	\$ 10,000.00
Youth Fund	\$ 1,720.00
	<u>\$ 71,659.30</u>

### Investments

DIT	\$142,291.82
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### Operational YTD Totals

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income	\$69,234.17	\$62,060.52	\$ 7,173.65
Expenses	\$69,234.17	\$68,728.31	\$ 505.86
Net Difference	\$ 0.00	-\$ 6,667.79	-\$ 6,667.79

<b>Total Assets</b>	\$241,679.82	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-\$ 42,000.00	(Mortgage)

# July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	2 Office Closed	3 8 am - Morning Prayer 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer	4 Office Closed Fourth of July 7:30 am - Meet at Church 8 am - Meet at Parade Site 8:30 am - 4th of July Parade 9:30 am - Return to Church 10 am - Festivities Continue	5	6 8:30 pm - AA	7
8 8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	9 Office Closed	10 8 am - Morning Prayer 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer	11 Office Closed	12	13 8:45 am - KOH Pick-up at 8:30 pm - AA	14 7 am - Kitchen of Hope
15 8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	16 Office Closed	17 8 am - Morning Prayer 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer 6:30 pm - Vestry	18 11:30 am - Eucharist	19	20 HTSM All Nighter 7 pm - HTSM Summer: All Nighter! 8:30 pm - AA	21
22 8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	23 Office Closed	24 8 am - Morning Prayer 12 pm - Rutgers Readings 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer	25 9 am - Rutgers Reading 11:30 am - Eucharist	26	27 8:30 pm - AA	28 St. Thomas - Family Tubing 8 am - Rutgers Reading
29 8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	30 Office Closed	31 8 am - Morning Prayer 12 pm - Rutgers Readings 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer	1	2	3	4

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/110:00 a Family Service w/ Children's Sermon, Church
- 7/4Office Closed 4th of July
- 7/47:30 a Meet at Church for Parade
- 7/138:45 a Kitchen of Hope Drop-off, Holy Trinity (Wenonah)
- 7/147:00 a Kitchen of Hope Distribution, St. Thomas (Glassboro)
- 7/176:30 p Vestry, Parish Hall
- 7/206:30 p HTSM Summer Program: Lock-In, Parish Hall

# August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30		31	1	2	3
			9 am - Rutgers Reading 11:30 am - Eucharist	7 pm - St. Thomas - Family	8:30 pm - AA	8 am - Rutgers Reading
5	6	8 am - Morning Prayer 12 pm - Rutgers Readings 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer	9 am - Rutgers Reading	9	8:45 am - KOH Pick-up at 8:30 pm - AA	7 am - Kitchen of Hope 8 am - Rutgers Reading
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8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	Office Closed					25
26	27	8 am - Morning Prayer 5:15 pm - Evening Prayer 6:30 pm - Lectors' Meeting	11:30 am - Eucharist	29	8:30 pm - AA	31
8 am - Rite I 10 am - Rite II 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	Office Closed			St. Thomas - Family Trip to		1

## IMPORTANT DATES

8/5 10:00 a Family Service w/ Children's Sermon, Church  
**8/12-18 Family Promise, Parish Hall**  
8/21 6:30 p Vestry, Parish Hall  
8/24 6:00 p HTSM Summer Program: Trip to Drive-In (Delsea)  
8/28 6:30 p Lectors Meeting, Parish Hall

## NEXT MONTHS

9/2 10:00 a Family Service w/ Children's Sermon, Church  
9/5 10:45 p Rector's Bible Study (Returns), Parish Hall  
9/6 7:30 p Adult Choir (Returns), Parish Hall  
**9/9 9:00 a Rally Day, Parish Hall**  
9/10 7:00 p Episcopal Church Women Meeting, Parish Hall  
9/12 6:00 p HTSM (Returns), Parish Hall  
**9/16 12:00 p Parish Picnic, Red Bank Battle Field Park**  
9/18 6:30 p Vestry, Parish Hall  
9/25 6:30 p Lectors Meeting, Parish Hall





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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

9/9 Rally Day  
9/16 Parish Picnic  
10/19 Fall Festival

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*Holy Trinity is a diverse community, proclaiming the  
Good News of God's grace to everyone.*

### HOLY TRINITY'S VESTRY

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Nancy Tinkham

### HOLY TRINITY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I | 9:00 AM Sunday School | 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II