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Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am

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August

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JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sixth Pentecost 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	2	3 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group - MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	4 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L 	5 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	6	7
8 Seventh Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	9	10 8:30 AM Employment Group – MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	11 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	12 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	13	14
15 Eighth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	16	17 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	18 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L 6:00 PM Vestry Potluck with Trinity - PH	19 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	20	21
22 Ninth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 12 PM Hi-Noon	24 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	25 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	26 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	27	28
29 Tenth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	30	31 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR				

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AUGUST 2018

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			1 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	2 9:30 AM Tai Chi – PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4
5 Eleventh Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	6	7 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group – MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	9 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	10	11
12 Twelfth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	13	14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	15 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	16 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	17	18
19 Thirteenth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	20	21 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	22 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	23 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	24	25
26 Fourteenth Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27	28 8:30 AM Morning Prayer – C 8:30 AM Employment Group MMR 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	29 6:00 PM Drop the Rock – L	30 8:00 – 2:00 Pierogi-making – K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM AI Anon - PH, MR, L	31	

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Pace of Grace

July/August, 2018

"The Pace of Grace" is a monthly publication of
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Our bright beacon

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems — our own and everyone's. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does "speak to our condition" and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in July

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8) July 1, 2018	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
Independence Day July 4, 2018	Deuteronomy 10:17-21	Psalm 145	Hebrews 11:8-16	Matthew 5:43-48
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9) July 8, 2018	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10) July 15, 2018	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11) July 22, 2018	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
St. Mary Magdalene July 23, 2018	Judith 9:1,11-14	Psalm 42:1-7	2 Corinthians 5:14-18	John 20:11-18
St. James the Apostle July 25, 2018	Jeremiah 45:1-5	Psalm 7:1-10	Acts 11:27-12:3	Matthew 20:20-28
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12) July 29, 2018	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in August

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) August 5, 2018	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalm 51:1-13	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
The Transfiguration August 6, 2018	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14) August 12, 2018	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
St. Mary the Virgin August 15, 2018	Isaiah 61:10-11	Psalm 34	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 1:46-55
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) August 19, 2018	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
St. Bartholomew August 24, 2018	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Psalm 91	1 Corinthians 4:9-15	Luke 22:24-30
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16) August 26, 2018	1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43	Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69



7/10 Nancy Beilman
 7/11 Nancy DiPrato
 7/15 Sandra Lund
 7/18 Shirley Crosswaith
 7/19 Camden Tatsapaugh
 7/24 Candace Casciano
 7/24 Thomas Raimondo
 7/24 Gary St. Amand
 7/31 Nicholas Casciano



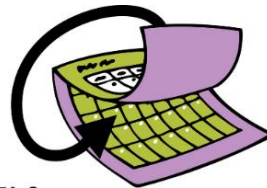
8/4 Valerie Dumont
 8/8 Everett Weaver
 8/9 Jacquie Tallard
 8/12 Charlie Albrycht
 8/15 Norine Barr
 8/15 Elizabeth St. Amand
 8/25 Martin Dumont
 8/29 Laura Lynch



7/14 Laura and William Lynch



8/9 Mark and Kathy Shoemaker
 8/28 Karen and Frank Halpert



*Save
the Date*

July 4th: Independence Day
 July 23rd: Hi Noon



HI-NOON - A group of "Young at Heart" Church friends meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and short excursions. All are welcome!

July 23, Monday – Shore Excursion - Lobster Rolls (or other choices) at Lobster Landing in Clinton eating at dockside – Hammonasset Beach – short stroll – Meet at church at noon to carpool.

September 10, Monday – Farm Museum at Kellogg Eddy House – Following bring your own lunch in Parish Hall carpool to museum.

October 15, Monday - Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford - Meet at Church at Noon - Bring lunch & appetizers to share / eat at winery. All beverages: wine, soda, water must be purchased at winery

November 5, Monday – Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford

December 3, Monday – Christmas Party

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January 7, Monday – Fun and Games in Parish Hall

February 4, Monday – Movie Matinee in Parish Hall

March 4, Monday – Epicurean Adventure – Restaurant to be announced

April 1, Monday – Activity to be announced

May 6, Monday – Activity to be announced

June 3, Monday – Picnic



BAKE A CAKE – Every month birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated the FIRST Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake starting with August: office@gracechurchnew.org / 860-666-3331 . A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size. Thanks, Walt



Creative Energy Team
Summer 2018

CREATIVE ENERGY TEAM – EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

This is the fundraiser list for 2018. More information will follow for each individual event.

DINING FOR DOLLARS – Mark your calendars.....this will be held on September 20th at Bertucci's in Newington.

FALL FESTIVAL 2018 – Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 9 am - 3 pm

Please mark this on your calendars!! It is our largest fundraiser! We would love to have everyone help; there will be something for everyone to do – leading up to and the day of!! This festival is a tremendous amount of work - before, during and after. This is a church-wide event. We try not to ask for much help except for this. Please volunteer or we will be asking you!! This year we will be looking for greeters and counters.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG and SILENT AUCTION – Saturday, December 1, 2018 5 pm - 8 pm

A holiday fundraiser with lots of Christmas spirit. The silent auction preview starts at 5:00 with appetizers and wine; music at 6:00; Silent Auction and desserts at 7:00. Bidding ends at 7:30; winning bids will be announced at 7:45. Event ends at 8:00. This year there will be more Christmas music and singing of carols.

Valerie Dumont





There were so many things happening in May that we decided to move the United Thank Offering Ingathering to October 14.

The UTO has been leading the Episcopal Church in individual giving for over 125 years, giving us an opportunity to express our thanks for all of God's gifts. The blue boxes and envelopes will on the shelf in the narthex soon.

This is the prayer we use when we present our offering.

2018 United Thank Offering Prayer

Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. Amen.

*Beverley Manning
UTO Chair*



Our book club gathered on Saturday, June 9 to discuss what we thought was the book that was mentioned previously. However it seems as though the collective memory of three people who attended the May gathering wasn't quite enough to get the title correct. In their defense, the actual book that we should have read is titled very similarly: "The Same Sky" rather than "The Same Blue Sky! "

Therefore we are going to try this again for our September selection. One of the 3 books we will be reading over the summer will be "The Same Sky" by Amada Eyre Ward. There are several other books with very similar titles including one "This Same Sky" so be sure of the title.

We will also be reading "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. He is the Afghan-American author who wrote "The Kite Runner".

Since our next book club is not until September we will be reading a third book. CJ has mentioned this book or topic several times, most recently on Sunday. The book is "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving. It's about the socialization of whites in America and the unconscious bias that may come from our well-intentioned, middle-class upbringing. It wouldn't surprise me if this becomes "required" reading of all parishes by the diocese.

On Sunday I distributed to those book club members who were there a list of America's best loved novels from the PBS' The Great American Read. It was fun for me to go through the list to see how many I've read and to remember a well-loved read from my childhood and teens. And of course there were some on that I haven't heard of or read. It might be challenging to work our way through the list and use it as a basis for future reads.

For those who weren't there, I'll be sure to get the list to you.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

*Happy Reading!
Melissa*



Food Collection

Newington Food Bank: *The Newington Food Bank needs canned clams, tea bags, whole/ground black pepper, baked beans, minced garlic and instant coffee. Thank you!*



Summer Garden Watering

There are watering tasks that you can sign up for as we have asked for the last few summers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The schedule is a week at a time from now to September 24. The watering includes the pots and urns in the Memorial Garden, the bee and butterfly garden in the front, the side garden by the kitchen door and the hanging plant in the front. The hoses will be set up and the “key” to turn on the spigots will be in an accessible place. And of course the weeding can be done at any time, so our summer mantra is “if you see a weed, pull a weed”. And if everyone did that, the weeds would be kept at bay and our gardens would look well maintained.



The deadline for the September Pace of Grace is Thursday, August 23rd. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.

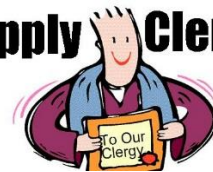
Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



With supply clergy being here now, it's important that everyone wear their name tags. If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will make one up for you. Thank you!

Supply Clergy



Supply Clergy Schedule:

July 8	Rev. Jose Martinez
July 29	Rev. Jose Martinez
August 5	Rev. Jose Martinez
August 12	Rev. Jose Martinez



Happy Fourth of July!!!



Sight & Sound Theater: You are invited to join the Newington Congregational Church on a luxury bus tour to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 25-26 to see the beautiful and moving production of "JESUS". Included will be a bus tour of Amish farmland, a Smorgasbord dinner and buffet lunch with overnight accommodations at Eden Resort immediately after the show. Total cost \$170.00 plus motel. Please call 860-666-0349.

Bible Study offerings at Trinity, Wethersfield

Evening Bible Study: Trinity is offering an evening bible study this summer to study readings from scripture in relationship to the Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis statement issued earlier this year by the Most Reverend Bishop Michael Curry and church leaders from a number of other denominations. Classes will meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Bishop Seabury Room, continuing through August 21st, with the exception of July 3rd. Please join us as we explore this wonderful confession of faith. This document is available online at ReclaimingJesus.org. Printed copies are available at Trinity. If possible, please contact Kathy Cole at 860-529-6825 X11 and let her know you are coming so that there will be enough copies of handouts.

Walking with the Word: This summer join us for a study of Jesus' parables on Wednesdays at 9:00 am from July 11th to August 29th in the Seabury Room. We will begin with a reading of one of the parables, followed by a 20-minute walk around Old Wethersfield. We then return to the Seabury Room where we will read a second version of the same parable, followed by discussion. Cold water and fruit will be provided. If it rains, we will move into the Seabury Room. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Cole at 860-529-6825 X11.



Dear Parishioners,

Walt and I would like to update you on progress toward finding our new Missional Priest.

We have met with Rose and Denise, Wardens at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield. As we proceed forward, the two Vestries will start to get to know each other with a Pot Luck Supper to be held at Grace on Wednesday night, July 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, after Church, the Wardens and any available Vestry members will be in the Library to answer any questions you have at this time.

Peace,

JoAnn and Walt

**Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

	July 1, 2018	July 8, 2018	July 15, 2018	July 22, 2018	July 29, 2018
	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost	8 Pentecost	9 Pentecost	10 Pentecost
LECTOR	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith	Mabel Maynard
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Shirley Adams	Lynn Page	Karen Halpert	Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk
PRAYERS	Paul Crosswaith	Karen Halpert	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
USHERS	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Nancy Beilman Marianne Doolittle	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea
FELLOWSHIP					
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning	
HTFD REGIONAL		JoAnn Cromwell			
CTR-12n					
ALTAR GUILD	Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann Candy Casciano	Jane Stewart Barbara Johnson Nancy DiPrato	Jane Stewart Barbara Johnson Nancy DiPrato	Elissa Schumann Pat Rogorzenski Elizabeth Welk
COUNTERS	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato	Melissa Haseley Lorraine Belyea	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	JoAnn Cromwell Bette Forcash	Beverley Manning Nancy DiPrato

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9:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

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LECTOR	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams	Paul Crosswaith
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell	Elizabeth Welk	Shirley Adams
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Elizabeth Welk	Jane Stewart	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Mabel Maynard	Beverley Manning	Paul Crosswaith	Karen Halpert
USHERS	Jane Stewart	Bob MacCalmont	Brandon & Kathy	Nancy Beilman
	Paul Crosswaith	Charlie Albrycht	Johnson	Marianne Doolittle
FELLOWSHIP				
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	Pat Rogorzenski	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano	Marie Ritchie
	Elizabeth Welk	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Elizabeth Welk
COUNTERS	Melissa Haseley	Beverley Manning	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
	Paul Crosswaith	Lorraine Belyea	Bette Forcash	Paul Crosswaith

