

# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## Women's Retreat March 6-8, 2020

Get ready for another great weekend enjoying the fellowship and support of other women from Holy Trinity and of course everything Calumet has to offer. Sign ups and more information will be coming in early February. Questions? Leslie Carson at [carsonsl@maine.rr.com](mailto:carsonsl@maine.rr.com)



## Calumet Spring Clean up May 1-3

You and your family can enjoy the weekend away at no cost by giving back to Calumet and helping them get ready for the summer. The work is mostly on Saturday with about another hour on Sunday morning. There are jobs for all ages and all abilities. You can sign up now by contacting calumet directly through [alice@calumet.org](mailto:alice@calumet.org) or calling 603-539-4773. Many of us stay in the conference center but these rooms do go fast.



## Faith Formation

We begin the new year at Holy Trinity with a full month of Faith Learning Groups, so that parents can attend these events: the Reconciling in Christ Forum (1/12), budget overview (1/19), and annual meeting (1/26). Any adults and youth interested in helping with the lessons about young Jesus at the Temple, John the Baptist, and Epiphany are welcome to join us in the back classrooms. We wish to give a huge thank you to Leslie Darling for leading our Christmas pageant, and also to thank all who participated, creating such a warm and uplifting remembrance of Christ's birth. May the light that Jesus brought into the world at Christmas bring you peace, hope, joy and love throughout the new year!



Peace to you, our church family,  
Lara Scammon and The Faith Formation Team

## President's Article

Greetings everyone. I'd say Happy New Year but we're already three weeks into January and the whole holiday season seems to be out of sight in the rear-view mirror. Sooo.... Happy Whatever!! And be joyful .... The days are getting longer!!

A belated note of congratulations goes out to Robert Scammon, who earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was recognized for achieving this highest level of scouting at a ceremony here at Holy Trinity back on December 27th. It's a long and sometimes very difficult road moving up through the six ranks of scouting to reach this level, so again, congratulations to Robert, and kudo's, too, to Mom and Dad, Lara and Dan, for all their encouragement and influence in helping their son earn this prestigious award. As you might recall, earlier last year Brian and Matthew Clement also received the Eagle award, so that gives Holy Trinity the distinction of having three young men getting their Eagle rank, which we should all be very proud of.



Here's a sneak preview / heads-up..... looking down the road to March 1st, Bishop Hazelwood will be visiting and preaching the sermon. It's been a few years since we've had the pleasure of him stopping in at Holy Trinity, so mark your calendar, save the date.

This coming Sunday (19th) we'll be talking about the church budget between services so that you might be better prepared to vote on it at the annual meeting the following Sunday (26th). I hope you can attend because the Council had to spend quiet a bit of time deciding how to craft the budget as offerings/income have been trending slightly downward over the past few years, while expenses have been going in the opposite direction.

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be held between services on the 26th, with the budget being the biggest item on an otherwise brief agenda.

The end of the meeting will signal the end of my term as Congregation Council President. A couple folks have asked if I'll be glad it's over, and I jokingly say yes, I'll be

free at last.... free at last! ..... thank God almighty I'll be free at last!!!! But I say that tongue-in-cheek because it's been four years, two as Vice President and two as President, that have flown by and, quite honestly, have been very rewarding and very enjoyable. It's been great working with all the different members of Council, Pastor George my first two years as Vice President, and Pastor Tim my last two years as President, and all of you, the congregation, so many people who do so many tasks to keep our Sanctuary and building clean, working/operating, and looking good and, most importantly, enhancing our worship experience. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for all you do.

Blessings to all,  
Dave Smith, Council President.

### **Property Team**

It is hard to believe what people forget about how to do events that happen only once a year. Fortunately, the decorations for Advent and Christmas have a joint team plan for the teams of Altar Guild, Property Team, and Worship Team. The title of the plan is "Who does what? When?" It details week by week how the decorations need to be displayed initially, then expanded or changed.

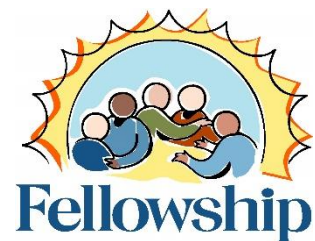


A special thank you to Julie Moore for the work on the Advent wreath, outside wreaths and poinsettias; Glenn Oswald for the three blue Advent banners and the Sanctuary star, and the entire Property Group Team for garland, bows, and Christmas tree.

Barry Philbrick, Interim Property Team Leader

### **Tables of 8**

Tables of 8 is returning for 2020. This is a wonderful way for new attenders or experienced members to socialize with other people of Holy Trinity in a small group of eight people, like dinner at a restaurant or a fun activity outside of church. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet can be found by the nametags. Anyone on the 2019 list will stay on the 2020 list, or speak with the Church Office to be taken off the 2020 list.



## Prayer Concerns

*Please include the following in your daily prayers:*

### Members & Attenders

**Health Issues:** Edna Di Nola, Leah Waldschlagel, Hazel Larson & Family, Mary Kuck, Tina Waterman, Robert & Sally Rindfleish, Susan Rindfleish, Emily Beliveau, Jackie Kohlhase, Franklyn Vosburg, Grover Marshall, Brendan Podszus, Jean Klein, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Margareta Claesson, Mark Beliveau, Pastor Linn Opderbecke.

**Homebound:** Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Everett Nelson, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan.

**Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

### Friends

Kari King (Stephanie Goupil's sister), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Marion Viole (Joyce Rivore's friend), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Nancy Burpee (Dave and Joyce Rivoire's friend), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Todd Abild (Julie Moore's brother), John Barry (Tracy Barry's son), Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends), Martha Laperle (Betty King's friend), Joseph Spataro (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friend), Pastor John H. Krahn (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friend), Kathy Germain (Franklyn Vosburg's sister), Mr. Robert H. Hollenbeck (Debbie Parent's father)



### Happy Anniversary!

Erik & Stephanie Johnson, & Michael & Kristen Mather

### February Birthdays!



Carol Bush, Randall Bush, Marilee Clark, Abigail Craig, Sarah Cutting, Susan Duderewicz, Lilah Ebeling, Marie Edin, Linda Edwards, Sarah Gianino, Stephanie Goupil, Emily Harwood, Len Klein, Jill Larson, Sappy Lugalla, Julie Moore, Jeff Morrison, William Peirce, Ellen Ronka, June Slipp, Jo Whiting.