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The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

9:30 AM Worship

9:30 AM Worship will continue into the fall for September and October, in-person and streamed on our webpage, alternating between our traditional and Contemporary formats. Faith Formation will immediately follow worship. The schedule for September and early October follows.



For more Information, including details on Tuesday Evening Worship and Faith Formation, please read Pastor Tim's article in this issue of The Tidings.

Walk The Walk 2021 – FINAL TOTAL

Walk the Walk has ended, and Team Holy Trinity has a final total of...

9,621 MILES!

Calumet has reached their final goal of 200,000 miles! Thank you to everyone who walked, donated, and supported us as we walked to support our favorite Lutheran summer camp! Boom chicka boom!



Pop-Up Pantry

This month, the Pop-Up Pantry is requesting donations of canned Chunky Soups. Please drop off your donations at the Church, either with the Church Office or in one of the large plastic bins outside both our entrances.



Pastor Tim's Article: August 30, 2021

I can't believe this coming Sunday is Labor Day weekend and the unofficial end to summer. The older I get, the faster the days go by. I used to think, the days are long and the years are short, now I just think it all is short!

With that being said, the Sunday after Labor Day, we have traditionally resumed our fall worship schedule. Due to COVID, we are making some adjustments. Our goal is to provide opportunities for worship for as many people as possible in as many safe and sacred environments as our resources allow. To accomplish this, each week, there will be an in-person worship, outdoor worship (weather permitting) and online worship. The format and schedule will follow.

Sunday morning

- Worship – 9:30am
- in-person and streamed on our website
- Alternate between our Traditional and Contemporary formats
- Faith Formation will immediately follow worship. More information below.



Sweet Worship Tuesdays (SWT)

- Tuesday – 6:30PM, outdoors under the tent (and lights as it gets darker)

This will have a little different feel to it. Instead of using the coming weeks Gospel lesson, we will make this more of a Faith Formation and fellowship opportunity by reading through the Bible and learning the grand narrative that is going on and how the stories connect to one another to create a larger story that we are all part of. It will still be a worship with communion and singing and a sermon(explanation) but Jon Koelker and Jonathan Bock will play and sing a bit more as they did last summer.

Then, immediately following the 30-minute service, we will have dessert. Each week, we will ask one person to provide dessert for the following week. It doesn't need to be something that would be featured on "Dessert Week" on The Great British Baking Show, but we wouldn't complain if it was! (Victoria Sponge Cake anyone?)

It should have a casual, relaxed and perhaps festive atmosphere where we can enjoy each other's company and learn about the Bible and our faith. Perhaps, kind of like the feel of the Backyard Wednesdays from this past summer.

Faith Formation

Each Sunday, we will provide everybody with an experience or opportunity to learn more about God's love and community, but do it in different ways. Two years ago, we experimented with this and we are going to continue that. Every Sunday, after worship, we will participate in one of the five following options: an intergenerational event, Age-Appropriate Faith Formation (think Sunday School and Adult Forum), some type of larger food and fellowship event, a service project, or we will take the Sunday off and have regular Fellowship. The schedule for September and early October follows.



- September 12 – Ice Cream Social and Root Beer Floats!
- Sept. 19 – Intergenerational Activity – Create Bible Stories out of play-dough
- Sept. 26 – Age-Appropriate Faith Formation (Adult Forum topic TBD)
- Oct. 3 – Oktoberfest! Church picnic! No beer, but maybe brats!
- Oct. 10 – Intergenerational Activity– Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Prizes to be awarded!

We will be outdoors for all of this as much as possible. Hopefully the stifling heat has passed and rain won't come on Sunday mornings. As the winter begins to turn, we will determine if we can move these activities indoors.

As the church moves into the future, it will require us to be more creative and adaptive. Some of what we do will remain the same. Some of what we do will change. We believe, whether it remains the same or changes, the primary goal to be accomplished is to convey the love of God that burns brighter and hotter than a thousand suns for you and all of creation.

We hope you can join us this fall.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tim

God's Work Our Hands

This year the HTELC family will be assisting Ending 68 Hours of Hunger (E68HH) as our large project. For many children who receive free meals at school, the weekends are a time when meals become scarce. E68HH sends home packs of food on Fridays so that approximately 180 local children are sustained until they return to school on Mondays.

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic continues to affect us all, and many of these families are also lacking the means to obtain supplies to keep themselves clean and healthy. In particular, the needs are hand sanitizer, hand soap and disinfecting wipes. Additionally, masks will be required in schools and for some children, needed at home.

We will be collecting these supplies at HTELC until Sunday, October 17. On October 18 we will need a few volunteers to assist in transporting these items to where E68HH "warehouses" their supplies. Their volunteers will then pack the items for their individual distribution.

So, that's sanitizer, hand soap and wipes for 180 school-aged children. Masks are a bonus and would also be appreciated! In the next two weeks we will also be sharing some more news regarding God's Work, Our Hands 2021.



God's Work
Our Hands

Dover Friendly Kitchen

Dear Holy Trinity,

Last week on Tuesday, August 24th, our crew made 118 summer picnic menu meals for the homeless and the struggling folks in the Dover area. We had a few bags of fresh dipping veggies and a few bags of cookies left after all the meals were supplied and these were taken to our very appreciative friends at Crossroads House in Portsmouth.

We had a wonderful group of 12 volunteers who prepared the meals and a special thank you to all of them who came from home or work, and from a distance. We were ready for the folks who lined up at the door promptly at 5:00 PM. There were seven faithful ladies who helped with the cookie supply, and thank you so much as there were more than enough for the meals.



Our next opportunity to serve will be on Tuesday, September 28th, and once again we will need volunteers and cookies. If you would like to join this ministry and to help out next time, please contact Bonnie Sanders.

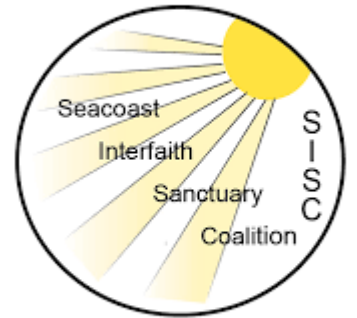
Please encourage anyone in need of this meal who is in the Dover area to come to our meal or to any of the other meals every Tuesday and Thursday when the Dover Friendly Kitchen is open between 5 and 6 PM. This is a combined effort of all the churches who participate in the Dover Cooperative Ministries, of which we have been a part for many years. The location is at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the corner of Locust Street and Hale Street, at the Parish Hall door, and by takeout (until further notice).

Finally, the whole congregation should be thanked for supporting this ministry through the funds your offerings make possible. As we all know, food has gotten even more expensive, so thank you for your part in our joint effort.

God bless you all,
Bonnie

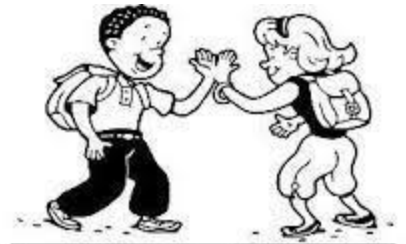
Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition

Claudine will be a featured speaker at a special event scheduled for Sunday, September 12: Please come to a celebration of the immigrant banners displayed at the Dover Friends Meeting (141 Central Ave., Dover, NH) Sunday, September 12 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm followed by refreshments. There will be a brief program about the creation of the banners and the work of Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (SISC). Claudine will relate her own journey and a Dover Friends' Meeting House member will discuss how providing sanctuary has enhanced her spiritual growth.



End 68 Hours of Hunger

The Holy Trinity Team anticipates that we will be packing food bags for End 68 Hours of Hunger during the upcoming school year. We are waiting to hear from the program coordinators as to the packing dates and procedures. We expect to be packing food on Thursdays once a month in Portsmouth. However, the past year has taught us that all things school-related could be subject to change due to COVID. Look for updates as more info becomes available. It is wonderful to be able to feed our local children in need with your help.



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of Hunger**

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