

The Weekly Tidings

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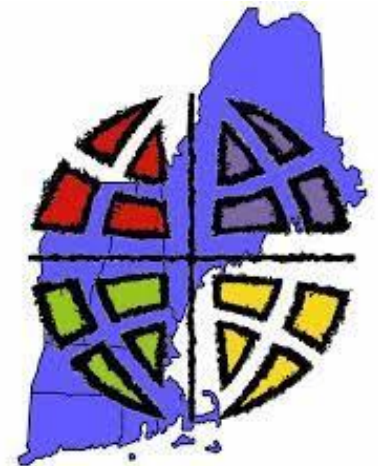
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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Ministry Site Profile is complete

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been completed and will be sent to the Synod office shortly. Thanks to the MSP team members - Mark Beliveau, Dot Kasik, Eileen Kackenmeister, and Linda Edwards - for preparing the document based on the results of the work done by the Transition Team and all of you. The document is a summary of all the comments and discussions that we had between January and June. For those of you who remember the last MSP, please note that the Synod has adopted a new form that is quite different than the version in use a few years back. Please take time to pick up a paper copy in church on Sunday or call the Church Office (603.436.1704) to have a paper copy mailed to you. Thanks for your continued prayers as we move to this next phase in our journey.



Social Ministry

We are heading onto the busy season for Social Ministry. We are lining up our plans for God's Work, Our Hands during the month of October. To date, we have invited representatives from various local organizations that we support to speak to us during Sunday services. They will be able to stay a bit afterwards to answer questions.



We are in the process of completing a few more plans for this time. Once these have been confirmed, we will notify Mark so that announcements can be included in the weekly bulletin and Tidings. There has been a scheduling change for the Mitten Tree. We were asked if we could possibly change it to before the winter temperatures took hold. Therefore, the tree will be in the Sanctuary during the four (4) weeks immediately preceding Advent.

We will also be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets during November.

CaringConnections

Hi Everyone...

Just a little reminder about one of our social ministries, CaringConnections! Yes CaringConnections does still exist! Although the last couple of years have been challenging for the team and how things have been done, the team has been there meeting the needs of the congregation! Here is a brief description of the team and individual groups within the team!

CaringConnections is a team set up to serve members and friends of HTLC. The mission of its overall objective is to bring God's gift of caring to those in the church who require and desire it.

The specific need is requested of the group and the group then performs its responsibility or task in response to the communicated need! The team is always mindful and respectful of the privacy of the member's request.



College Student Packages: This group collects and sends out care packages to higher education students. The team requests donations from the congregation when preparing to box the packages. The packages are usually mailed out around Christmas.

DrivingDaisies: This group drives members who are unable to drive themselves, to church. Without this team this person would not be able to attend HTLC.

Health Connections: The purpose of this group is to assist members in church on health issues. On the 3rd Sunday of the month, after both services, everyone can have their blood pressure checked by a nurse. This is a great and easy way to check your blood pressure! Everyone is welcome – and encouraged to take advantage of this service. It only takes a few minutes of your day!

Home Communion: This group offers communion to those who might be unable or too ill to attend church. This could be just on a short term basis or long term, if need be.

Mail Communications: This group writes to shut-ins on various holidays or during periods of illness. The purpose is to bring comfort and support during these difficult times of illness, surgeries or death in the family.

Prayer E-Tree: This is a group of people who are ready to pray for anyone who need prayers. When there is a prayer request an email is sent to the members on the prayer tree email group. We recognize and support the power in prayer!

Meals to those at Home/Recovering: This group makes and delivers meals to members who have a need whether due to an illness or being shut-in. There might be a request for meals for a day or 2 or it could be an ongoing long term need.

Shawl Ministry: This team crochets or knits shawls to share with church family members or friends to bring warmth, comfort and peace. The shawls can be found on a shelf in the library area and are available to anyone.

Visitations: This team provides monthly visits to HTLC home-bound members. This very important service provides the member with the personal and spiritual connection that they might otherwise be missing!

CaringConnections is always looking for members to sign-up to be part of the Team! If you have any questions about the team, would like to join the team or know someone who could benefit from any of these services please feel free to contact Mark in the office.

Tables of Eight

Here's how it works: you sign up, either as a single or a couple. You are then magically assigned to a group of approximately 8 people, some of whom you might know well, some you might have just made an acquaintance, some of whom you may never have seen before. Then during the next year your group will meet four times for a meal. Most traditionally the groups have met in each other's homes, where the host provides the main course and guests round out the meal with, e.g., appetizer, side, and dessert. But a group could meet at a restaurant or other place; the meal could be breakfast, brunch, or lunch; children could be included or not. However your group decides to do it— that's what you do. And groups have been very good at accommodating allergies and medical conditions so don't let that stop you. If you would like to participate in the coming year, we invite you to sign up ASAP by contacting Jo Whiting (text 603-828-7494 or email tidewatch9@comcast.net) or Mark in the church office (office@HTELC.com). If you participated last year, you will automatically be assigned to a Tables group this year unless you let Jo or Mark know otherwise.



Property Team

Even in the summer doldrums there is always something demanding the Property Team's attention.

Things that were working fine a week or so ago are presenting with problems and need care ... loving or otherwise. The skylight windows in the Sanctuary overhead which were operating normally until recently now refuse to stay open when we really could stand to have them open for ventilation. On two recent occasions the emergency exit door near the Chapel has failed to perform as required. At this writing, the door is working in an acceptable manner, but I anticipate more problems with it.

The lawn always tends to be stressed this time of year due to heat and lack of water. This summer it is browner and drier than most. I am optimistic that conditions may soon become more favorable.

As evidenced by the plant growth coming up through various cracks in the parking lot, we will need to have some parking lot and driveway maintenance done this fall to seal cracks before the winter freeze. For crack repair I have typically used the company that last did re-sealing and re-striping of the parking lot and driveways. I believe they have given us honest assessments of when re-seal work is appropriate. The last full re-seal work was done in 2018 and has held up well.

I hope many of you have had an opportunity to see our new sign at the boundary of our property and Spaulding Turnpike. I think it represents us well and is nicely visible day or night. We do need to cut back some of the tall Sumac growth between our property and Bernie and Phyl's in order to reduce some of the line-of-sight obstruction of the sign for northbound traffic on the Spaulding.

I recently had the opportunity of chatting with our dear friend, long-time Property Team Leader and property mentor, Byrl Short. Among other things, we discussed most of what I have written above as well as how big the tree near the church office has grown, and I acknowledged his gentle reminder to keep the overhanging branches off the roof. It is an insect control issue. Once a Property Team Leader, always a Property Team Leader. Thanks, Byrl for keeping me on my toes!

David Mercer, Property Team Leader

Stewardship

The Time and Talent volunteer form will be coming out in mid-September. The Stewardship Committee and Ministry chairpersons hope that everyone who attends Holy Trinity will find an area where they can be of help to the congregation, the area, and the world. Each of us has a unique interest or expertise in something which will make a better place for all. When Pastor Luther begins his interim ministry, there will be many opportunities. Many of our world-wide ministries have faltered during the Pandemic, but now we are again able to come together to put ourselves into volunteering. We ask you consider where your interest lies and to use that interest in helping.

