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This Week at Trinity

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Several years ago, Thea and I made a big change in our lives as to how we would approach our Christmas giving. Yes, Christmas giving; I am going to be as bad as those stores that I rail about, and start talking Christmas in October!

We came to the conclusion that there was very little that we needed for gifts, and that there didn't seem to be the same joy shopping for and giving gifts that others really didn't need – gifts just for the sake of giving gifts. We made the decision that instead of giving a gift just to give a gift, that we would start giving gifts that had some real meaning. What does this mean? It means, for example, that my sister, a retired teacher, received a note that school supplies had been given in her name to a child for a year. Thea's brother, 21 years older and 'an old goat', got a goat given in his name. We've fed a child for a year, given family food for months, and given an assortment of fruit trees and animals. One of my favorites was the gift of 'the three little pigs'; not the book, but three pigs. In a previous parish, the church school held a fundraiser and the money collected funded flocks of chicks, ducks, geese, and a part (share) of a cow.

Lectionary October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)



Prayer List

Immediate Needs: Jenny, Cecily, Allison, and Donna

Chronic Needs: Cal, Norlyn, and Marlene

Military: Pvt. Gabe Davis

The needs of the world: For the homeless and the hungry, for those affected by natural disasters, for those dealing with issues of aging, mental illness, or addiction

Thanksgivings: For colorful display of Fall, for the search committee, for those who protect and

Goats and cows can supply milk, and surplus milk can be sold to other families. Manure can help fertilize gardens, and chicks grow to provide eggs. And the list of possibilities goes on and on – including clean water.

Let me suggest that you check out three sources to get you started; any of these are good to deal with:

1. Episcopal Relief & Development
www.episcopalrelief.org/gifts
[855-312-4325](tel:855-312-4325)
2. Food For The Poor
www.FoodForThePoor.org/gift
[800-487-1158](tel:800-487-1158)
3. Heifer International
www.heifer.org/catalog
[855-848-6437](tel:855-848-6437)

Thea and I have used all three of these organizations, and we recommend all three. Check them out and see what they have to offer. To help you, I have placed one of their catalogs in the plastic holder next to my office door. Look through the catalogs; use them; and then please return for someone else to use. It's not too early to start thinking about this year's gifts.

Soon the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season will be upon us, and it will be easy to both forget the true meaning of Christmas and the possibility of giving gifts from the heart and gifts that give.

Give a gift that keeps on giving; give a gift that changes someone's life! You will be glad that you did.

Faithfully,

the search committee, for those who protect and serve, for the blessing of friends, family, and neighbors



Parish Activity Schedule

Sunday, October 22

- 8:30 am Trinity Choristers Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer II
followed by coffee hour
- 9:45 am Church School

Tuesday, October 24

- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Please note: This Sunday, October 22 there will be only one 9:00 am service. The service will be Morning Prayer, led by Deacon Tom.



Fr. Steve



FRENCH SOUNDS

Starting this Sunday and continuing for several weeks, the organ service music--prelude and postlude--will be chosen from the works of French composers from the Baroque Era, the period of music history that runs from about 1600 to 1750.

While Johann Sebastian Bach was writing his monumental musical works in northern Europe at this time, French composers were working in smaller forms. Among these forms are several collections of organ pieces for the church. They are based on Gregorian (also known as plainsong) themes which were widely used in the French Roman Catholic liturgical tradition. You will hear music by Francois Couperin, Louis Couperin, Nicholas deGrigny and Louis-Claude d'Aquin, among others.

We are fortunate to have an organ with enough stops on it to play this music. I hope that listening to these wonderful pieces will enhance your worship experience.

Foodbank

This week: chicken broth

Next week: spam



In Memoriam: the Rt. Rev. Arthur E Walmsley

The Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, 12th diocesan bishop of Connecticut (1981-1993), died peacefully at his home in Deering, NH October 5. He was 89. As bishop, he helped the Episcopal Church in Connecticut move forward in the areas of social justice, urban ministry, care for individuals living with HIV-AIDS, refugee and immigrant services and racial reconciliation.

A requiem Eucharist for the life of Arthur



MARK ROTHKO: All Saints Day II, 1961. Munich, Städtische Galerie

ALL SAINTS NECROLOGY

Forms are available on the bulletin board outside the office to submit names of dearly departed family and friends to be listed in the bulletin for remembrance on All Saints' Sunday. Please return them to the office by November 1. As an added convenience, you may also reply to this email with your name submissions.



Bible Study Continues

Fr Steve's Bible study on the book of Acts continues this fall with Thursday evening discussions from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. As we look at the early church, we will try to compare our purpose, action, and fellowship

Walmsley was held at St. Paul's Church, Concord, NH on October 14, 2017. A requiem Eucharist will also be held at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT on Friday, October 27, 2017, beginning at 10:30 AM with the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas presiding and the Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, preaching. A reception will follow.



You are invited to take... A Journey to the Potter's House

An illustrated parable that brings the gospel to life.

Jeremiah 18:1-2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message,"

Date: October 28, 2017

Time: 6:30pm (5:30 Dinner)

Place: Seymour Baptist, 104 Mt. Rd., Seymour



today. What roles does the church play?
What struggles does the church have?
Come join us to talk about these, and how we
measure ourselves as God's faithful people.

Thursday's 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Nov. 2, 9

We meet in the Fellowship Room next to the
kitchen. Bring your Bible and join us.

See you there!



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL OVERFLOW

Cider is available for sale at \$4.50/ gallon and
donuts for \$5/dozen. There will be a basket
in the kitchen for the money.

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Ecumenical Hymn Sing

To Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of
The Reformation!

Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church
25 Great Hill Rd
Sunday, October 29 @ 6:30 p.m.
No talent required

Featuring
Jeff Cregeur - piano & Noel Pease - organ
and you!

Music from Lutheran, Methodist,
Congregational, and Episcopal traditions

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