

...what's happening at the friendly church on the hill

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This Week at Trinity

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From the Rector

In each of our eucharistic prayers, holy communion begins with the same dialogue of invitation and response, it is the part of our service known as the Sursum Corda, Latin for 'lift up your hearts.'

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Whether we say it, or I chant it, the service begins the same.

This short dialogue is found in manuscripts as old as the third century and is a part of the liturgy of most Christian traditions since then. The celebrant invites the people of God to set aside earthly things and fix our attention on Godly things – the gifts we are about to receive from God in the sacrament of bread and wine. When we agree to lift up our hearts to God, we respond to what God had done first. God has given us not only our lives, not only everything we have, but also eternal life and our response is rightly one of thanks and praise. And when we answer the call to "Lift up your hearts," we

Lectionary November 12, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

[Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)



Prayer List

Immediate Needs: Jenny, Cecily, Allison, and Donna

Chronic Needs: Ann, 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 all the colors of Fall, for the search committee, for those who protect and

are joining with believers everywhere and throughout time who have chosen to lift their hearts to God. When we lift up our hearts to God, we give God what is the most important part of us, and we give with love, thanks, and praise. We give it to the God that first loved us and gave to us.

This week you received an invitation to the 'Season of Abundance Dinner, and a commitment card to help in your giving back to our God. Please come to the dinner and bring your card to place on the altar. The Transition Team is working hard and you will welcome a new Rector in 2018. You will be asked to help discern what direction you want your parish to go in. What is God calling you to do at Trinity to help move Trinity forward?

It is right to lift up our hearts to God in thanks and praise for all of his love and gifts.

Faithfully,
Fr. Steve



WINTER HEATING COSTS - HELP IS AVAILABLE

Now is the time to think about applying to TEAM for assistance with winter heating costs. Households qualify for assistance if they fall below these income levels:

\$34,366 household of one

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



Parish Activity Schedule

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Trinity Choristers Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
followed by coffee hour

Tuesday, November 14

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist with
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 16

6:00 pm "Season of Abundance" Dinner

Friday, November 17 & Saturday, November

18

Annual Convention



\$44,940 household of two
\$55,514 household of three
\$66,089 household of four

Applicants are eligible based on a review of their total gross household income, such as wage earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, pension, etc.; household size; and liquid assets, as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both homeowners and renters who are residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, and Woodbridge can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with Energy Assistance please call 203.736-5420 and follow the prompts.

Milford residents – 203.783-3253
Woodbridge residents - 203.389-3429
Orange residents – 203.891-4787
Bethany residents – 203.393-2100 X 124

TEAM, Inc. is a private 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation whose mission is to strengthen our community by educating, supporting and empowering individuals and families. TEAM programs impact the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Naugatuck, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour, Waterbury, and Woodbridge.

Foodbank

This week: ketchup

Next week: gravy

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am to help sort and date food and stock shelves.

Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm to help as a “shopping pal” with our clients. Drivers are also needed to fill in and help pick up at local grocery stores. We pick up Monday through Thursday mornings. Drivers must have a small pick up truck or a large vehicle in order to carry donated food back to the food bank.

Volunteers needed to help with food drives. Help is needed with Food Drives from the Boy Scouts, ***TOMORROW***, November 11th 12:00 pm—3:00 pm and 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. And the Police and Haynes Food Drive, on November 18th 12:00 pm—3:00 pm and 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. We need your help to sort, date and box food. The location is the Seymour Oxford Food Bank at 20 Pine Street, Seymour. If you have any questions please call us at [203-888-7826](tel:203-888-7826).

Thank you for helping to support our communities, Seymour Oxford Food Bank.



**The Churches of the Seymour
and Oxford Community**

invite you to join together in worship
and gratitude to God
as we celebrate

Songs of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 19,
7:00 P.M.

SEYMOUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
90 PEARL STREET

Free-will offering basket will be available
to collect non-perishable food items
for
the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank.

**COOKIE EXPRESS
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH
10AM-4PM
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
182 CORAM AVE SHELTON CT

COOKIES, BAKES GOODS, RAFFLES
AND OUR VENDORS.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED INCLUDING
HOTDOGS AND
HOMEMADE NEW ENGLAND CLAM
CHOWDER.

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