

...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

A couple of months ago I planted a tree in our front yard. It is a replacement as we had to have a very old Japanese Maple taken down. It had never recovered from the damage from hurricane and then a following serious winter storm. The storm damage, and old age caused it to decline to the point where we had little choice. Now we will have to wait for this tree to take root and grow. Or, now we get the opportunity to watch this tree grow.

In scripture we get several images of trees, such as. The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Yet my favorite image is that of Jesus' parable about the mustard seed. The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds on earth and yet when planted, grows to become the largest of shrubs. It has such big branches that birds can perch on them. When I was in Jerusalem I remember seeing a large – huge – mustard shrub just outside Duns Gate on the south side of the city near the Jewish Quarter. It was interesting to view this shrub and think about the parable that Jesus tells. From the tiniest of seeds, a huge shrub grows; from a tiny seed, major accomplishments may emerge. Think about it. We began with Jesus and the 12. It was a tiny seed planted 2000 years ago that is slowly changing the world to make a difference in our world. A tiny seed was sown in

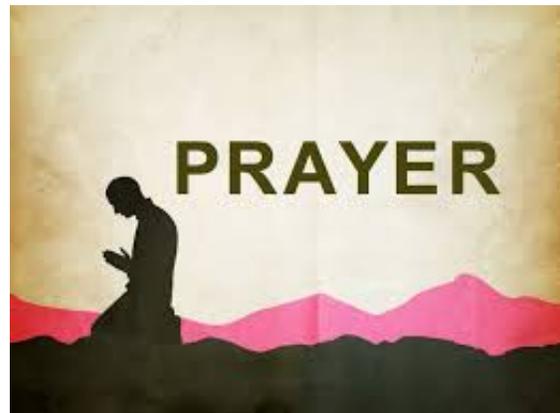
Lectionary November 19, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



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

...difference in our world. A tiny seed was sown in the ground – Jesus. But God brought Jesus from the ground and those who learned from him spread his story. And today, 2000 year later, we are telling that story – again sowing the seed.

Some of you remember the film Oh, God!, starring George Burns and John Denver as God and Jerry. God and Jerry evaluate the success of their mission here on earth, and Jerry judges it a failure. But God reminds Jerry, “You never know, a seed here and a seed there, something will catch hold and grow.” That’s the story of our faith today; that’s the story of our work at Trinity, a seed here and a seed there, something will catch hold and grow.

So friends, have mustard seed faith – it starts small, but grows into a large shrub with many branches that will support many things.

Faithfully,
Fr. Steve

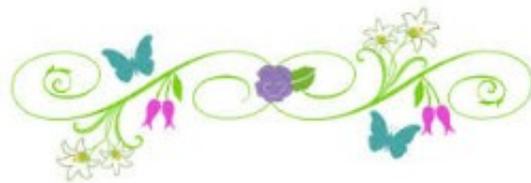


WINTER HEATING COSTS - HELP IS AVAILABLE

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
- \$44,940 household of two

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



Parish Activity Schedule

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 am Trinity Choristers Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by coffee hour
- 7:00 pm Songs of Thanksgiving (see announcement)

Tuesday, November 21

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

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed



\$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

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The Churches of the Seymour

Foodbank

This week: gravy

Next week: mayonaise

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.



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

and Oxford Community

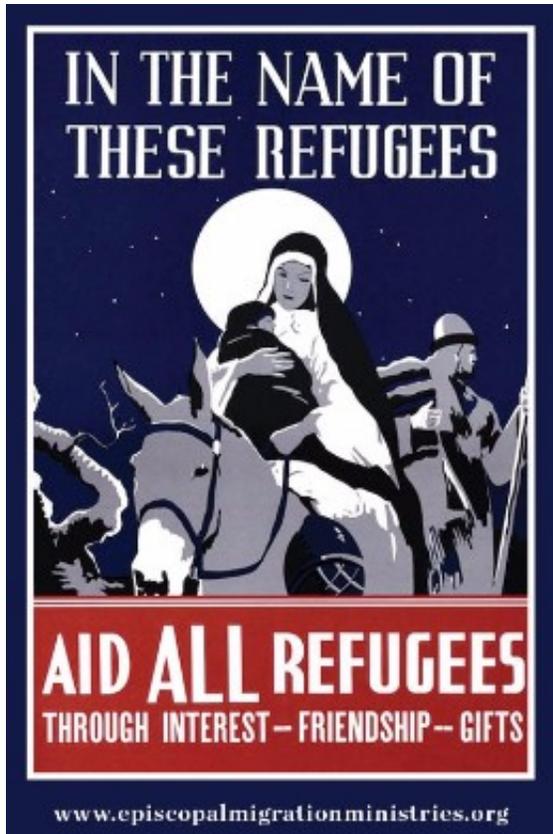
invite you to join together in worship
and gratitude to God
as we celebrate

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.



HOMEMADE NEW ENGLAND CLAM
CHOWDER.

CONTACT DIANE GOODMAN @[203-954-7362](tel:203-954-7362)
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Attn: Seymour-Oxford Clergy Group

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$523.00 on 7/28/2017 to Spooner House, operated by Area Congregations Together, Inc. Your contribution will help us continue providing critical services to those in need.

Your support is particularly important as we continue to see an increase in the number of people seeking assistance with food and shelter. Last year, through our residential program, we provided food, shelter and support services to 171 individuals, including 69 children and 20 veterans. Through our food bank program, we provided groceries equaling over 120,000 meals to thousands of individuals in our community. Your donation enables us to continue to provide support, guidance and direct services to our less fortunate neighbors throughout the region.

On behalf of those in need, we extend our sincere thanks for your caring support.

Sincerely,
Susan Compton Agamy
Executive Director

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