

Trinity Tidings

From the Rector:

For some reason, I thought about the ending of an old movie today: was the seventies version of Jesus Christ Superstar. I remember watching it with some college friends, and one of them complained that there wasn't a resurrection scene. But I insisted (and still believe) there was one, in that version. It was just easy to miss. It comes at very end of the movie, after the crucifixion. All the actors have broken down the sets and have gotten back on the bus, and driven off. The only actor we don't see, is the one who played Jesus. He's no where to be seen; not yet anyway. When everyone is gone, and the dust has settled, the camera moves to a silhouette of the empty cross with the setting sun behind. And then, slowly but surely, in front of the cross, comes a shepherd, followed by a flock of sheep.



Sometimes signs of the resurrection, of hope, of the reign of God, are hard to see. Vitality may be all around us, but we carry burdens that make it difficult to left up our head and see. Psalm 27 ends with these verses:

"What if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!" O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; Wait patiently for the Lord."

What is the land of the living? On the surface, it may seem to be referring to this life, but I believe it means where and whenever God is present and working God's purpose out - and that's essentially everywhere and at every time. I believe one of our most important functions, as Christians, is to point to those signs of the Kingdom around us.

Did you know we have doubled our number of Sunday School classes? Yes, now we have TWO! I realize that doesn't sound like a lot, but believe me, in this day and age, that's a big deal. And it means we have more children. We also have new people joining the church. I've had five in Inquirer's Classes this fall. I wasn't even planning on offering one this soon until six weeks ago when we found out the bishop would be coming.

The Shop on the Corner has been hitting record sales numbers in recent months, allowing God's abundance to be shared not just here in Northern New Mexico, but also in disaster zones like Maui. And not only is that about the financial contributions the shop can make, but it also provides a way for people to find affordable clothing and goods. Our fellowship dinners are starting to meet again. We have intergenerational groups here, and that's not something I've seen in other churches.

Yes, we are in the Land of the Living. Because we live in the hope of the resurrection, and Christ has raised us to a new life of grace, we always are, but it's not always easy to see the signs. As we move further into the Fall, heading towards the great feast day of All Saints, and then on to the day of feasting that is Thanksgiving, I would like us to try and help each other to notice the signs of God's Kingdom all around us. Those reminders are ways to help us muster what we need to get through the difficult times.

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

**10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist
(with music)**

Wednesday

**12:30 pm: Healing Service
St. Athanasius Chapel**

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome**

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Have you noticed all the changes going on around you in church? We are so blessed! We have a children's ministry that is exploding with kids and parents. We have so many new faces and families. We now have two, count 'em, two Sunday school classes because we have doubled in number. We have, by far, the finest organist in town (dare I say state?). We have a new and very active Buildings and Grounds Committee that has been working hard, installing handicapped doors to the men's restroom, picking up fallen apples, trimming bushes and trees, pounding in sign posts, and cleaning out gutters, to name but a few tasks. And we have the finest, most divine rector that we could have asked for in Mother Mary Ann. God has so richly blessed us.

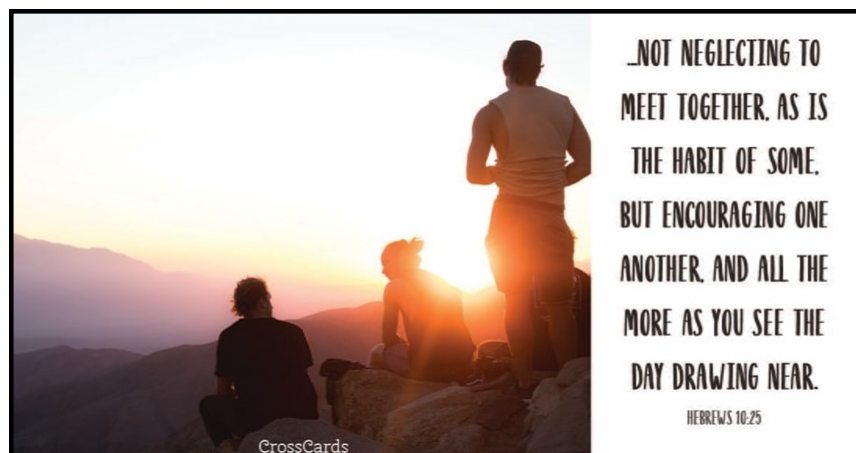


As far as a fall financial report, operating costs have increased significantly over the past 6 months. One of many reasons is that we had a great deal with Father Raymond because he was already retired and receiving his pension independently of us. Mother Mary Ann's costs more in keeping with normal full-time rector expenditures. Keep in mind, however, that this difference is but a small piece of the whole. We are now \$100,000 in the hole but are hoping to close this gap over the remaining months of this year. I also know that when we put out a plea for help, that plea has always been answered. I am praying for the same results this year and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help us with this deficit. Thank you! [Please also see the Treasurer's article on page 4. Ed.]

We started up fellowship dinners this week—over 30 participants! We have started up coffee hour again, and with a fantabulously new coffee maker, courtesy of Judy Crocker. Be sure to thank her when you see her! And thanks to Rick Rothrock for installing it. We are all about fellowship, whether in homes, in church, or in our gifts we bring to the church. Romans 12:5 says “so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” In so many ways, we serve each other, love each other, care for each other, even when we don't know it. Why? I believe that God does not call the equipped. He equips the called. These are His gifts He has given to us. We are one body, and we belong to each other. Please know that each of you is a blessing to me, and I am forever the richer for it.

Blessings,

-Lisa-



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

What I did not this past summer

I lead, what in my delusions, seems to be a busy life. Holding several to do lists in my mind. Home, Work, Church. Of course not stating rank of importance here. My home is my refuge. My work is kinda like my art, sometimes. And Church is, hmmm, maybe a little like a love. The to do list for Home is rather cyclical. You know, day, week, month, sometime this year. Each year some of them are added to the next, which has happened over the last 30. One of these days I want to drive that pink car again. For Work it's mostly, this, and then that and that, and ooh yeah as soon as I can, that too. At Church, my list is an ongoing. Some items rise to the top, others are added to the bottom, sometimes a thing just isn't on the list because it's happening now and must be handled this moment! You probably have family obligations like that or other things to occupy your time. My family moved away. I didn't, but of course if I had followed them, I wouldn't have you in my life. Perhaps more delusion? What was all this leading to? Our church family needs you also and we sincerely appreciate any of your gifts. Your gifts of time, your gifts of support, your gifts of presence. Any or all are welcome here.

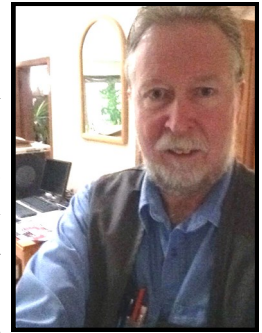
So much for the prologue.

What I did not get done this past summer? The use of "I" is merely because of a sense of ownership to the master list of projects I carry around in my head and wish I could accomplish for you, but for the sake of inclusiveness, let's switch to using "we". "We" did not add on to the parking lot lighting to help delineate the curb at night. "We" did not fix the cabinet door hinges and tighten faucet handles or replace light bulbs in the KH kitchen. "We" did not finish that restroom door motor. "We" did not get any further along with hiding the wires and the extension cord at the back of the sanctuary. "We" did not get the bark chips raked up from under the courtyard rose bushes and replaced with gravel before the next rain storm. "We" did not clean out the KH stage closet which annually fills to overflowing. "We" could go on with quite a few more. There is still time left in the calendar if any of "you" would like to champion one or more of these above or anything else that comes to mind. Of course going it alone is not as much fun as joining in or finding others to join you. I could expound on that but suffice to say "We want you, to join our Buildings and Grounds Cadre" "You could have some fun while getting things dun".

So, if you are still awake you have read about things we did not do but there is a bright side to this rant. "We" finally did get those signs erected in the parking lots and "We" trimmed the butterfly bush on the last day of September.

On previous work days "We" got the grilling grease stain lifted from the KH portal cement, "We" raked apples and rose bush debris from the courtyard, "We" swept wind blown debris from the north stairway and steps, "We" hauled away a mysteriously abandoned tire, "We" gathered litter from around the perimeter of the property, "We" dug out weeds from cracks in the parking area, "We" hauled away fluorescent light bulbs, "We" replaced light bulbs in the

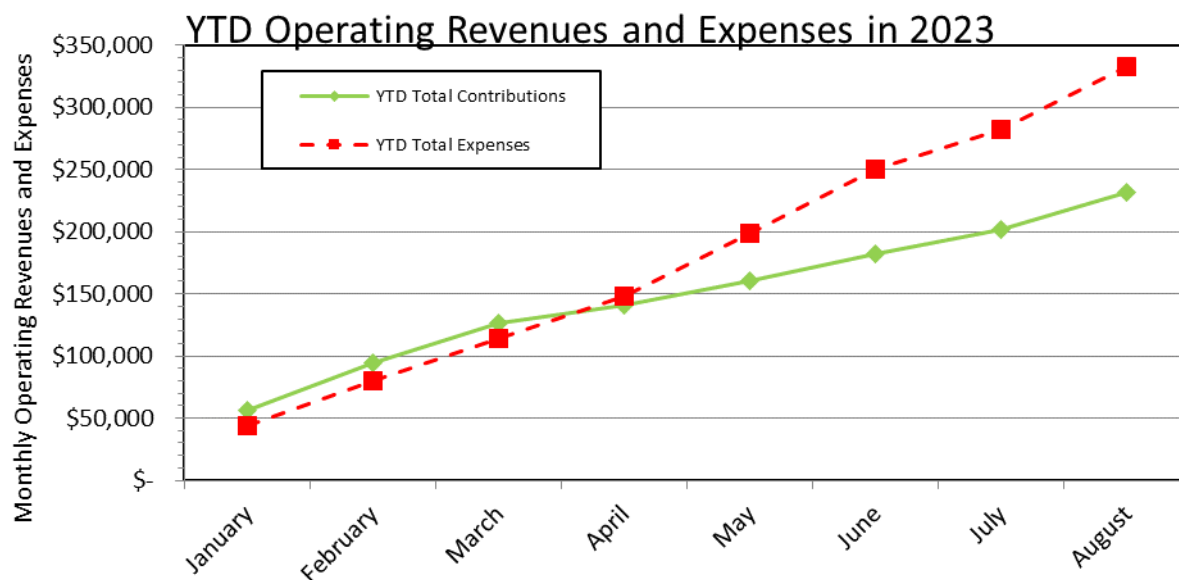
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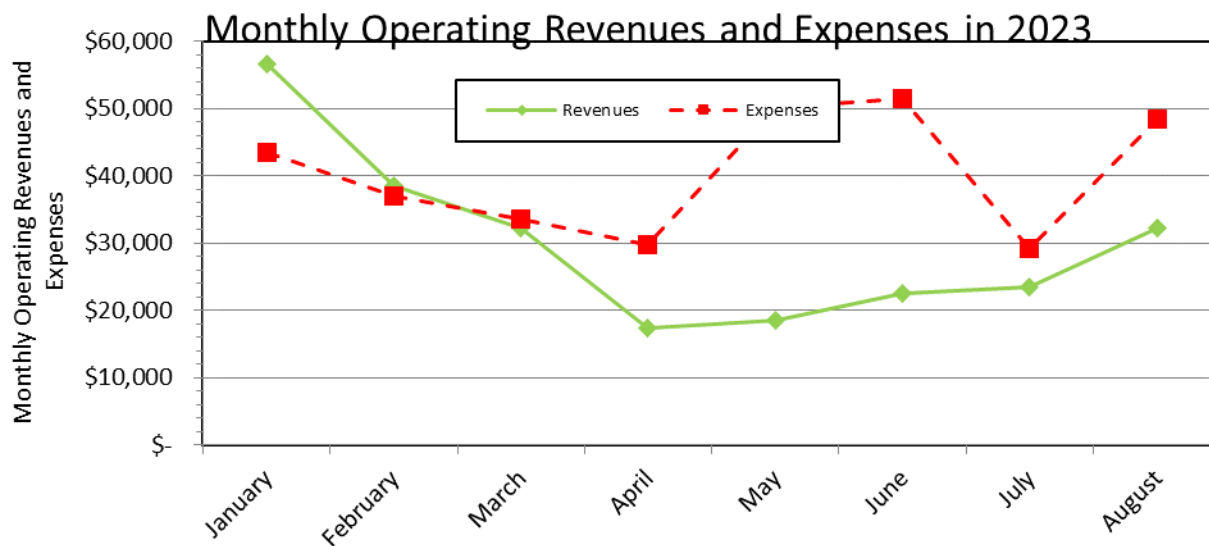
TOTH August Financial Status

Greetings again from your friendly neighborhood Treasurer. I am coming to you again to with an update on this year's finances. Our annual revenue continues to fall short of our expenses. This month our revenues increased above \$30k, which we haven't seen since March; however, expenses were also high, partially due to having to paint the eves.

This year we have spent \$100,732 more than we have brought in. Our cash on hand, which is a calculation of how much buffer we have in our checking account, is down to \$46,620. Fortunately, we have money in our restricted accounts that we can draw from if we don't catch up by the end of the year.



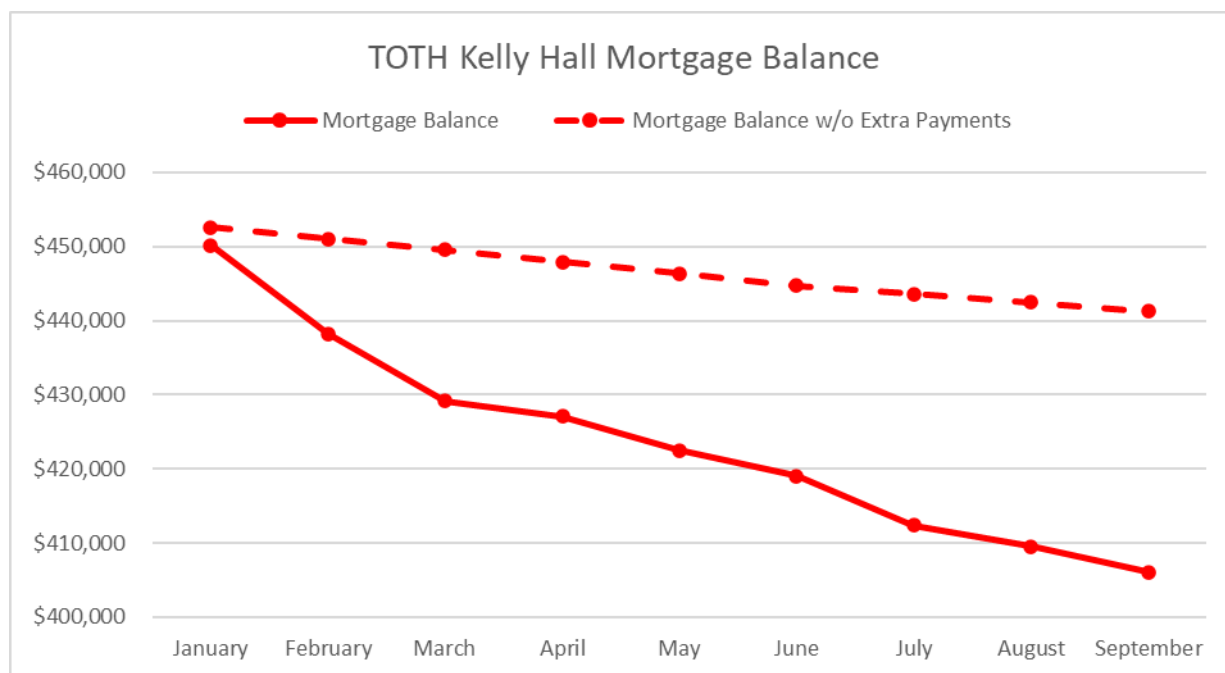
The monthly data shows in more detail the month to month change.



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Finally, here is the current status of the mortgage. With extra payments, we paid off \$3,459 of the principle last month.



House of Hope Update Come Join Our Team!

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to some generous donations from parishioners, contributions from Shop on the Corner, and fundraising efforts, we have raised enough money to build a home for a family in need in Juárez, Mexico.

We will be working with Missions Ministries to build the house. The House of Hope team from Trinity on the Hill has built several homes with Missions Ministries.

The trip will take place from **Wednesday, February 14 through Saturday, February 17**. We will drive down to El Paso and be met by the Missions Ministries team to cross the border.

No building expertise is needed! It is such an amazing experience. We welcome all ages to join us. Children ages 6 and up are invited. The cost for 3 nights lodging, eight fantastic meals, and bottled water, is \$235 for adults, \$175 for youth ages 13-17 and \$150 for children ages 6-12. Some needs-based sponsorships are available if finances are an issue. Please contact Jon jrbulthuis@msn.com or Julie Bulthuis jwbulthuis@msn.com if you'd like more information or would like to join the team!

TOTH Sunday School

Sunday school started its Fall session September 10. Both age groups continue to explore the Bible in fun and unique ways.



September 10, 2023

The older Sunday School group (shown left) (grades 3+) used 2 pizzas - one topped with peas and broccoli and the other topped with more commonly desirable toppings - to illustrate Matthew 18.



October 1, 2023

The younger Sunday School group (pictured right) finished their study of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness (Exodus - Numbers) with a collaborative board game and theater show.

Sunday School meets every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) at 9:15 am

Grades 3 and up

Meets in Kelly Hall with
Keith Stephens

Grade 2 and under

Meets in Classroom 2 with
Zandrea Glenn
Phone 505-709-0805

Want to get involved in Sunday School? We would love that! Reach out to any of the Sunday School teachers to learn more about the many ways to support our church youth.

(Pictures: Zandrea Glenn)

Updates on the upcoming 2023 Children's Christmas Bazaar - We Need YOU!

Since March, a small committee has been working to prepare for the 2023 Children's Christmas Bazaar, an event scheduled to take place on December 2, 2023, in Kelly Hall. However, more volunteers are needed! Please contact Zandrea Glenn at 505-709-0805 to learn how you can get involved.

The Children's Christmas Bazaar was started by Beth Pattillo many years ago to give kids a place to shop gently-used second-hand gifts for their families and friends. The nominal fee at the door, along with kind monetary donations on the day of the event, go to support non-profit community programs.

Please consider helping in any way you can to continue to make this event a success for the kids and our community.

UTO INGATHERING COMING SOON!

As I have announced several times and in various ways, our United Thank Offering gifts will be blessed on Sunday, October 29. It's not too late to pick up a box for your family (including families of one) for you to use as a reminder to give thanks to God for His many blessings every day. Of course, checks made out to TOTH (memo line "UTO") are acceptable as well. We will transfer all offerings to the Diocese at the upcoming Annual Convention, to be combined with those from other congregations.



Has anyone noticed the nice tile-topped wooden coin box in the Narthex? It's for anyone to put spare change into as you enter or leave church. TOTH has a history of being generous with this program, which has been sponsored and overseen by the National Episcopal Church. Our own Diocese has received over \$600,000 in grants over the 135+ years UTO has existed.

Scripture tells us to give thanks in all things. That does not mean we must give thanks to God for bad situations. Rather, we should give our troubles to him and trust that He will turn personal crises into something good. "All things work together for good for those who love the Lord." (Romans 8:28). So even on the worst days we can give God thanks for his sovereignty and compassion.

Please let me know if you have questions about UTO. Keep putting those coins into your little blue box the next few weeks!

Cathy Walters, TOTH representative for UTO

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sanctuary, "We" cleaned gutters and roofs, "We" cleaned and organized the gardening shed earlier in the year, "We" re-secured that dangly wire outside KH, and "We" did quite a few other things. If you were along with us, those sessions were funly satisfying. If you weren't there with us physically, we hold you in our hearts as we work for the greater good.

The opportunities are not over yet. During the next weekend work session I want to remove the AC unit from the nursery window and maybe get that door motor up in the air before my Halloween pedicure that afternoon. Any joiners? And then, I have not even started on my plea for support during the winter season ahead but let us enjoy October before I will hit you up again in November.

As I end this broadcast day I remind you, if you see something that needs to get done or if you just think it's a good idea, then call or write to let us know what you are thinking and if you need help with tools or direction then I would like to be here with you. If you ever are so inspired, please keep me apprised of your intentions and actions so I can be aware of decisions made. Let's get it done but I would really like to hear about what you are doing so I can keep the list updated.

Remember, you can always write to me or you can call me direct, you can call me collect, but call me today.

Mark Hartman
Your Junior Warden



The *Gospel According to* **MARK**

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Sunday, October 22, 4pm (doors open at 3:30pm)

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4, 7pm

(doors open at 6:30pm)

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“Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*” BCP, page 837

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*The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power
and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children,
and to respond to the needs of our community
and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ*

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OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

October 2023

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Oct. 1	8:00	Luke Favorite	Luke Favorite				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, Gregory Maginot, TBs	Lynn Godwin LEM Susan Sprake, LEM/LR	Lisa Rothrock	Rick/Mark	Bill Godwin	
Oct. 8	8:00	Joe Cox	Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server Isabella Stephens, Crucifer	Sam McRae, LEM Linda Light, LEM/LR	Lynn Godwin	Bill/Richard	Andy Light	
Oct. 15	8:00	Ben Schilling	Luke Favorite				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, Anna Moore, TBs	Renee Roybal, LEM Isabella Stephens, LEM/LR	Claire Singleton	Nancy/Rachel	Maggie Moore	
Oct. 22	8:00	Richard Triplett	Kay Dreamtrader				Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Susannah Smith
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Anna and Josh Moore, TBs	Andy Light, LEM Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR	Nancy Coombs	Rachel/Richard	Bill Godwin	
Oct 29		Joe Cox	Rozelle Wright				
		Isabella Stephens, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer Peter Maginot, River Yamada, TBs	Lisa Rothrock, LEM Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR	Sam McRae	Rick/Nancy	D. Giovanielli	Jo Moore Karen Humphrey



Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd Tuesday); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person only.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Book and Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library

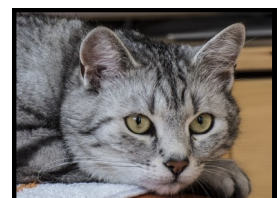


BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Do you love animals?
The Pet Blessing will be held on
Sunday, October 8, at 4 pm.

Please meet at the Elephant statue in Ashley Pond Park (northwest corner). Bring your pet (on a leash, in a crate, or otherwise restrained, as appropriate), a friend or friends, and their pets. Also bring a chair to sit on.

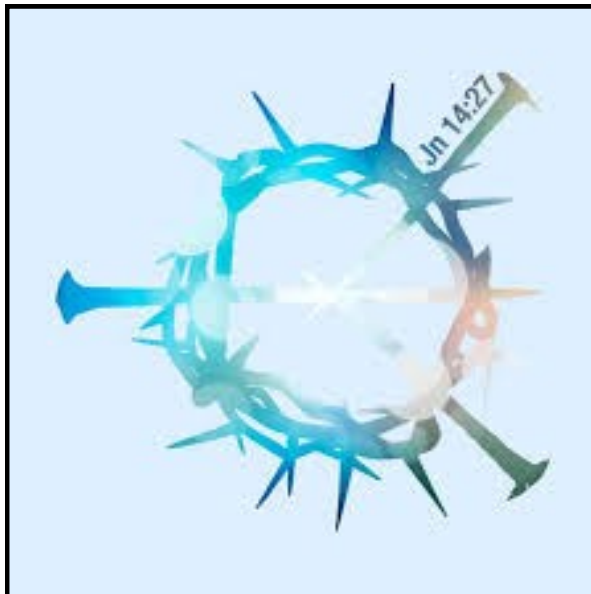


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