

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors!! Please sign our guest book at the back of the church.

### **The Week Ahead: Events & Committee Meetings:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**, 6:30 pm, Mercy Street

**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.** Province I Indigenous Peoples' Justice Network online book discussion

**Saturday, Sept 28**, 10-4, Autumnfest

**Sunday, Sept. 29**, after the 10 am service, Sunday Lunch Book Club

### **Volunteers Needed:**

- Volunteers to help staff an informational table at BSU on Saturday, Sept. 28. Sign up at the back of the church.
- Sunday School teachers and assistants needed! Please speak to Mindy Greely or Jerry Lenihan.
- Lectors and other worship leaders interested in learning to lead Morning Prayer, and individuals interested in joining a lay preaching group. Lay preachers will consider and offer regular feedback to Rev. Suzanne and develop their own skills as preachers. Please speak to Rev. Suzanne.
- Coffee Hour hosts needed! Sign up at the sweets table during coffee hour.

Rev. Brad Hultmann is **continuing to collect bottled water** for his ministry to people who are unhoused in Boston. We will be collecting bottled water to support his ministry through the summer months. Cases of water can be left at the back of the church.

The **Province I Indigenous Peoples' Justice Network** will host two **online book discussions** this fall: Wednesday, **Sept. 25**, 7-8:30 p.m., focused on *Healing Haunted Histories* by Elaine Enns and Ched Myer; and Wednesday, **Nov. 13**, 7-8:30 p.m., focused on *Massacre on the Merrimack: Hannah Duston's Captivity and Revenge in Colonial America* by Jay Atkinson. All are welcome to participate. Register in advance at the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts website at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org).

**Mercy Street** will meet on Wednesday **Sept 25** at 6:30 p.m. A potluck supper will be shared. Contact Paula Keenan, [paulackeenan@aol.com](mailto:paulackeenan@aol.com), (617) 939-3530.

Trinity will have a booth at **AutumnFest** on Saturday, Sept. 28 on the Bridgewater State University campus. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the church to take a shift manning the booth and greeting our neighbors.

**Bible Study** will resume in October. We are polling members regarding the best date and time, and whether we prefer Zoom or in-person. If you are interested in participating this fall, please email or text Rev. Suzanne ([revsuzanne@ gmail.com](mailto:revsuzanne@ gmail.com), 508-472-9656) or join the group Bible Study in our church center app.

The **Sunday Lunch Book Club** will meet again on **Sept. 29** after the 10 a.m. service to enjoy sandwiches and conversation about our summer reading assignment. . Our current book is “The Rock that is Higher: Story as Truth” by Madeline L’Engle. It is available as a Kindle book, paperback, and hardcover from Amazon or your favorite bookseller. All are welcome!

Trinity Bridgewater invites all members to join us in participating in the **Diocesan Pre-Convention Forum** on Wednesday, **Oct. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.** We will gather in the Lower Parish Hall to participate as a group in the online forum, which is open to all. These forums offer an opportunity for discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including the proposed 2025 diocesan budget, resolutions and elections. If you would prefer to participate online individually on Oct. 9 or one of the other forum dates, you can find more information at <https://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2024>

The next **Men’s Breakfast** is Saturday, **October 12, 9 a.m.** For more information, contact Steve Lamb, [puck072179@aol.com](mailto:puck072179@aol.com), phone (617) 697-5104

**The Sun Will Rise Foundation** is a peer grief support organization for people who are bereaved due to substance use. One of their peer support groups meets here at Trinity Bridgewater on the last Tuesday of the month, but they also have a Zoom group, groups in other locations, and specialized groups for grandparents, young people, men, and people in recovery, as well as a peer grief ally program for one-to-one support. If you or someone you know is grieving the death of someone due to substance use, there are postcard about the groups available on the information table in the parish hall.

**Tell us your favorite hymns!** The Worship committee is helping to compile a list of some of our favorite hymns to guide hymn selection for our Sunday worship. Paper forms are available at the back of the church or click on the link in the church app home page for an online form.

We continue to collect paper goods, feminine hygiene products, and toiletries for delivery to the **Bridgewater Food Pantry**. Donated items can be left in the basket in the back of the church.

There are hot pink envelopes for **donations to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund** available from the ushers at the back of the church. This fund is used to assist people in need with emergency expenses. If you would like to donate, you can put your donation in the envelope this Sunday or any Sunday and put it in the offering plate.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scam alert!** Scammers periodically target church members with requests for gift cards. These scams are generally emails, texts, or phone calls claiming to be from the priest, who needs an immediate response. If you indicate willingness to help out, you will be directed to purchase gift cards and then send the card number and other pertinent information to the “priest” via email or text.

Such requests are **NEVER** legitimate. Rev. Suzanne has access to a discretionary fund for emergency needs and will *never* ask individual parishioners to purchase gift cards to donate. All donations, for any purpose, should always be made directly to Trinity Bridgewater, and anyone who requests otherwise is likely a scam. If you have any doubts about a request, you are always welcome to call or text Suzanne directly at 508-472-9656.

We do appreciate the generosity of our parishioners, who are so responsive to those in need, and encourage those who wish to ensure critical resources are available to contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund at Trinity Bridgewater via check or Tithely online donation.

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