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Rev. Matthew Wissell  
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### **A Word from Our Pastor....**

As seasons turn and leaves fall, so too does change inevitably touch our lives. This truth extends to our church family as well. Change, I know, can be unsettling. The familiar routines that bring us comfort, the traditions we hold dear, can feel threatened by the winds of something new.

Yet, the Bible itself is a testament to change. We see God leading God's people through periods of transition, guiding them through deserts and across rivers. The message of the Gospel itself is about transformation, of hearts being made new. Even in nature, change is not a sign of weakness, but of growth. Without change, a seed remains a seed, a caterpillar never takes flight.

Change, then, is not something to fear, but an opportunity. Perhaps Holy Trinity needs to reach out to a changing culture with new forms of worship. Maybe our ministries require a fresh perspective to better serve our community. Change, guided by faith and open hearts, can lead us to a deeper connection with God and each other.

As we move forward, let us hold fast to the core of our faith - the love of God and the teachings of Christ. With these as our guiding light, we can embrace change and use it to become the church we are called to be.

## APRIL EVENTS



### **Sunday**

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am  
Followed by fellowship coffee hour  
First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

### **Wednesday**

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the Month (off-site)

### **Thursday**

Children's Music 4:30pm  
Family Dinner 5:15pm  
Bell Choir 6pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7pm

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

The Gathering – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
10:30am-12 noon  
AA 7:30pm



Reverend Matthew J. Wissell, *Pastor*  
Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*  
Dr. Karl Henning, *Director of Music*  
Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*  
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*  
Kevin O'Brien, *Sexton*

### **SAVE THE DATES**

April 13 – 8am Spring Clean-up  
April 14 – Native American Sunday  
April 14 – No Sunday School  
April 20 – Craft Fair 9am-2pm  
May 26 – Peace With Justice  
May 19 – Children's Sunday  
May 19 – Church Spirit Wear Day



**CHURCH PRAYER LIST:** Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Sarah Pena, Linda Murphy, Sarah & Libby MacQuarrie, Laurie Wilson, Mark, Joanne Smith, Jeanette, Mary, Millie Ward, Bridget, Rev. Higgins, John, Jean, Ritchie, President Carter, Peace in Ukraine, June, Ray & George, Marj Stark, John Douglass, Sandy Gray, Barbara Towski, Jean Ebb, William Drury, Shirley Teague, Nancy Higgins, Sharon & Ivey Dunbar-Link, Philippa & Luke Ottevanger, Sue White, Betty Spencer, Betty & Bob, Lillian Gillis, Nancy Tiskis, Dree, DeeDee, Ostrom Family, Pat Gagnon, Pamela Drury, Susan Ellis, Luke & Philippa, Debbie Campbell.



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PEGGY A. JOHNSON  
BISHOP  
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

March 20, 2024

Rev. Matthew Wissell  
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Dear Matthew,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much to you and your congregation for hosting the Bishop's Day on the Commonwealth East District. Enclosed is a love offering for \$150 to show appreciation for your warm welcome, hospitality, and accommodations for the two meetings. I recognize the amount of work that goes into being the host church and am grateful for everyone's sacrifice. I know the meeting went on longer than expected and appreciate everyone's grace and understanding. It was a joy to have the private space to meet face to face with people pursuing ministry and hear their plans and stories as well as to meet so many others from your district.

Sincerely,

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
DONATED EGGS AND CANDY FOR  
THE CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT!  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**

We are currently looking for a PreK -1<sup>st</sup>  
Grade teacher. Anyone interested please  
email Nancy at [htumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:htumcyouth@gmail.com)



## SPIRIT WEAR

<http://1stplace.sale/109778>



MAY 19<sup>th</sup> IS SPIRIT WEAR DAY!

Grab yourself some HTUMC apparel  
and show your love of the church!

So many different options to choose  
from.

## Danvers Food Pantry

Don't forget to fill a **red grocery bag** for the first Sunday of every month, for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry.



**Coffee hour volunteers** play an essential role in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our congregation. These dedicated individuals ensure that everyone has a chance to connect, enjoy refreshments, and build friendships. We are looking for more volunteers to help provide coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Training will be provided. See Brenda Ferris with any questions.



APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 9am-2pm

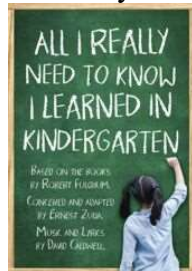
Help us make the Craft Fair a success! There will be a bake table at the fair. Let's fill it with lots of goodies! They can be dropped off the day before the fair beginning Friday 4/19 after 3:00pm. Please make note if your items contain nuts or peanuts. We get asked often.

We will also be selling coffee, water, and soda. We need volunteers to package the food the night before and others to sell the next day.

Please contact Linda Ramsdell at 978.239.3808 or [blberamsdell@yahoo.com](mailto:blberamsdell@yahoo.com).

### The Gathering

The Gathering has now moved to meeting on the second Saturday of the month in the church library. We start at 10:30 until noon. Our next meeting is April 13 and we will discuss the book "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. All women are invited to join this group. If you have any questions, please call Gail Noyes at 585-703-8801.



Thank you to the worship committee for their hard work decorating the altar for Easter Sunday!



### **Upcoming change in Pastor....**

Bishop Peggy Johnson intends to appoint Rev. Matt Wissell as full-time pastor of Cochesett United Methodist Church in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts and Chartley United Methodist Church in Norton, Massachusetts effective July 1, 2024, subject to the fulfillment of all the requirements needed for a successful transition by the pastor and the respective churches affected by the appointment. The appointment will be affirmed at the June 2024 Annual Conference Session of the New England Conference.

Let us pray for Pastor Matt & his wife, Amy, as they prepare for this new appointment from Bishop Peggy Johnson and as the Cabinet discerns who the new pastor will be for Holy Trinity UMC.

Bishop Peggy Johnson intends to appoint Reverend Shinyung Ahn as the full-time pastor of Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Danvers, Massachusetts effective July 1, 2024. This is subject to the fulfillment of all the requirements needed for a successful transition by the pastor and the respective church affected by the appointment. The appointment will be affirmed at the June 2024 Annual Conference Session of the New England Conference.



### **North Shore Ministries**

Thanks for all your help! Current needs: Socks, toilet paper, paper towels, bath wipes, undies, t-shirts, small microwave, sneakers men 10 ½ , women 8 ½ , soda, water, milk, orange juice, tea, coffee(both instant and coffee maker), sugar, half & half, eggs, butter, cheese slices, mozzarella cheese, cold cuts, peanut butter, jelly, mayo, dish detergent, clothes detergent, microwavable foods, microwave popcorn, mac & cheese, pasta, tomato sauce, potatoes, rice, canned veggies, easy to open cans, cereal, oatmeal, canned or pouch foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking, chips, pretzels, popcorn, crackers, blankets, sleeping bags and toiletries. Gift cards: food stores, Dunks, Starbucks, Wendy's, Burger King, McDs, Dominos, Walmart, Target, bus fare, train fare. See Barbara for more info or explanation.





**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> 8am**

**We are looking for volunteers to help us with our spring clean-up. This is a great opportunity for anyone needing volunteer hours for school!**

**MANY**  
**HANDS**  
*make*  
**LIGHT**  
**WORK**



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