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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

It's back-to-school time for some of our families. Hopefully, the weather will cool off and we'll all start feeling the change of seasons.



Another successful summer of our sports program has been accomplished and now it's time for our Sunday School program to get back on a fall schedule too.

Terri Brennan has worked hard to keep all our children happy. Many thanks to Terri, Geoff Brown and to all the other volunteer teachers who give up time in church to help with all our young people. Judy Sherman, Judith Frost, Cheryl Duntz, Jason Gladding, Shirley Jenks, and Helen and Eleanore, the parish is grateful to you!

The first project of the new year will be one of exploring, perception and imagination. Terri will introduce this on September 9, the first formal Sunday of the school year. And we look forward to our first Youth Sunday of the year on September 16. There will be a discussion and training for this on Sunday, September 9 following the 10:30 AM service.

We welcome suggestions from parents and others for both new and old ways to teach the children about the love of God and the beauty of our Bible and Book of Common Prayer.

Sometimes the best things are the simplest. Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes prayers for each Bible story he

presents in his *Children of God; A Story-book Bible*.

I'll leave you with some of the Archbishop's prayers (for all of us) from his book:

Dear God, thank you for always forgiving my mistakes and welcoming me home.

Dear God, help me to trust you when I am afraid.

Dear God, help me to see you in everyone I meet.

Dear God, please give me faith, hope and love.

AMEN.

Faithfully,

Pastor Heidi Truax



ANNUAL LABOR DAY BBQ!

Once again Al Dorf will be grilling the steaks for our "See you in September!"

BBQ. We'll be eating and visiting on **Saturday, Sept. 1 at 6:00 PM**. Al and his team of grilling "advisors" marinade, poke, prod and declare the steaks ready while parishioners provide salads and other side dishes, bread, desserts, drinks and whatever else seems appropriate to the occasion!

As always, there is much to prepare for as we head into another program year at

Trinity, and our BBQ provides one last evening of simply socializing and catching up on all the summer's doings.

Friends, visiting family members and miscellaneous neighborhood kids are always welcome!

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPT. 9



After this summer's hiatus, the Sunday morning Bible Study will start anew at **8:45 on Sept. 9**.

This past year the group explored the Gospel of Matthew and viewed "The Challenge of Paul" a DVD series hosted by John Dominic Crossan.

What will it be this Fall? Come and find out!

ALSO ON SEPT. 9 -EVENSONG



A beautiful office offered at the end of the day, Evensong is a favorite of many parishioners.

On **Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 PM**, Evensong will be offered at **Trinity Church in Torrington**. This will be a combined effort of churches in the Northwest Region with a choir composed of members of

those parishes.

Plans include Taizé chant, incense, and remembering the victims of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

We hope that parishioners will take advantage of this rare opportunity to close out the weekend and prepare for the upcoming week.

MANGIA! MANGEZ! EAT!!



It is again our turn to prepare and host dinner at the **Bitterman Center on Wednesday, Sept. 12.** Cheryl Duntz is chairing our effort, and she needs your help! Please let Cheryl know how you

will participate by **Sept. 5** so she can plan accordingly.

Dinner will be served from 4:30 –6:00 PM and it's grilled hot dogs and hamburgers on the menu this time!

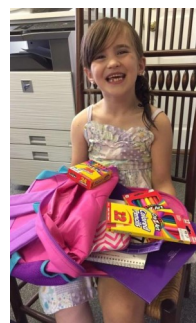
Donations to help defray the cost of ingredients are welcomed and needed. Please make out your check to Trinity Church with "Bitterman dinner" on the memo line so it goes to the right place

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our young people have had a fun summer playing in the courtyard for the first part of the Sunday liturgy! There has been croquet, bocce and general all around good times.

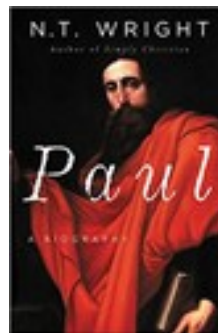
Now that we are all back in school, so to speak, it is time to resume the learning year as well for everyone. There will be a training for those interested in participating in Youth Sundays after the **10:30 service on Sunday, Sept. 9.**

If there is a young person in your family who would like to be trained or simply needs to review the Youth Sunday protocols, please speak to Terri or Pastor Heidi about an appropriate role for him or her.



And speaking of our youth, congratulations to them on yet another successful Backpack Project year! The children receiving these very necessary backpacks and their contents of paper, pencils, glue sticks, markers and such are delighted to have "new stuff" to start the year.

Moses Maimonides, the 12th c. philosopher, theologian and physician, identified 10 levels of giving, and named the one where neither the giver nor the recipient know one another as the highest one. Our young people have met that criterion with their project this year.



BOOK GROUP MEETS SEPT. 25

After a little lighter reading in August (*The Cloister*, by James Carroll), the Tuesday night book group will consider Anglican

Bishop and theologian N. T. Wright's bi-

ography of Paul. Much has been written about Paul's epistles and theology, but not about the heritage which shaped him and the unlikelihood of his achievements at all!

As Adam Gopnik (The New Yorker) has written, "Christianity may be Jesus' intuition, but it is Paul's institution".

We anticipate that we will continue our discussion of *Paul: A biography* in October.

CROP WALK

If it's September, it must be time for the CROP walk! This annual fund raiser, sponsored by Church World Services, will step off at the **Housatonic Regional High School on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1:00 PM.**

If your preferred walking distance is once around the parking lot, that works! If you'd rather go farther, that works too! Every step we take benefits hungry people around the world. Although most of us know where and when to find our daily meals, food insecurity and food insufficiency is a

concern for far too many people both at home and abroad.

Please sign up—or make a donation, if you are not a walker!

The group that raises the most money wins the coveted Golden Sneaker award! Help make that Trinity Church this year!



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