# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

#### **Annual Contribution Statement**

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## **Lenten Meals & Holden Evening Prayer**

Lenten Meals will be served every Wednesday evening during Lent (March 4 – April 1), beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:00pm. Soup will be available for adults, and Mac & Cheese will be served for young children. (Last week's announcement had the incorrect start time for Holden Evening Prayer. The correct start time for worship is 6:00PM)



# **Next Reconciling in Christ Conversation**

On March 15 & 18 we welcome guest panel of people presenting their journey of identifying LGBTQ (some from within and outside our congregation). Also, please be on the lookout soon for a letter about the next step in conversations of RIC.



# **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Join Pastor Tim on a discussion on this week's lectionary. ALL are welcome Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:30 AM!



## **Christian Sympathy to Jean Klein & family**

It is with heavy heart that beloved member of our congregation, Len Klein, passed away

on Monday, February 24, surrounded by family. A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity on Thursday, March 19, with a time of the service TBD. Please keep a look out in your email inbox, or call the Church Office after March 2, to get the official time of his memorial service on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Len was an active member of Holy Trinity, including volunteering on the Stewardship Team, Bequest Team, & as a Sunday morning Greeter. Last June, Len celebrated 73 years of marriage with his wife, Jean Klein. Jean Klein & her family appreciates all of your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and cards during this difficult time.



#### CaringConnections

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year so that means we are in for an early Spring! I am not sure about you but that makes me think about the things I am looking forward to doing. Gardening! Hiking! Sitting in the yard reading! What about you, what are the things you are looking forward to doing? Joining CaringConnections? We are always looking for members to join the team!

CaringConnections is not a 40 hour a week commitment. It is on an 'as needed' basis like drive someone to church, prepare meals for someone at home, visit a home-bound member, pray for a member that needs prayers, help with college packages, make shawls, write letters/cards or provide health support! It is a great team and all are welcome to join! It will be fun and rewarding while also filling a need!

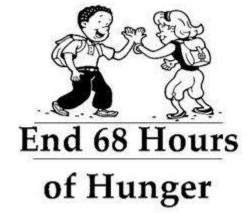


If you have any questions about the team, would like to join the team or know someone who could benefit from any of these services please feel free to contact Cheryl Brigham at brighamca.cc@gmail.com or leave your contact information with Mark in the office.

#### **End 68 Hours of Hunger**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has a team that packs food for the program 'End 68 Hours of Hunger' for the city of Portsmouth!! This program is designed to provide food for children in need that would sustain them for the weekend when school is not in session. Kathy McKenna and Lauren Gianino are the Team Coordinators for our church.

Our team is responsible for packing food bags for children on 3 more Thursdays this school year. We pack at the First United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave. Portsmouth and we meet at 6pm. Depending on the number of volunteers, the packing process takes between 40 minutes to an hour - but rarely a full hour.



Our next packing date is this Thursday, March 19th. The dates our team is responsible for are:

- Thursday, March 19th
- Thursday, April 23rd
- Thursday, June 11th

Last year our group packed 663 bags of food! If you are interested in joining our team please email myself (mckenna.kathy.62@gmail.com) or Lauren Gianino(pglg813@comcast.net). If you know of someone who would like to join our team....please have them contact us!! This is such an unique volunteer opportunity as you can make a huge impact on our local community in under an hour!! We always welcome new participants!!

Let us know if you have any questions!! Kathy McKenna & Lauren Gianino

#### **RIC Hosts LGBTQ History Project Displays**

The Reconciling In Christ Team (RIC) invites all HTELC participants to view selected displays from the Seacoast NH LGBTQ History Project in the Gathering Area during the first half of March. These displays are intended to coincide with the March RIC Forums. The Seacoast NH LGBTQ History Project is proud to present stories that illustrate the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people and highlight their contributions to the rich past and thriving present of the Seacoast.

What you see in the displays are only a small selection of Seacoast stories. Tom Kaufhold founded the Project in 2015 and the steering committee has been hard at work, but there is always more research to be done and there are always more stories to tell. All physical materials donated to the History Project are archived at the Portsmouth Athenaeum.



We recognize the difficulty of accurately representing historical terminology while maintaining the use of inclusive language. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities have been a part of the Seacoast community. We hope viewers leave understanding that language used to describe the overarching community as well as individual members of sexual and gender minorities has changed over time, and that it will continue to evolve.

Seacoast NH LGBTQ History Project Steering Committee: Tom Kaufhold, founder, Bruce Jolin, Kevin Healy, Karen Taylor, Brian Hussey, & Sarah Cornell