

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND

EASTERTIDE GIVING CALENDAR

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

<p>EASTER SUNDAY (The Book of Common Prayer) Easter Sunday for the Western Church is calculated as the Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. <i>Give one unit for each day between the Vernal Equinox and Easter Sunday 2010.</i></p>	<p>WORLD (US Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov) The ten most populated countries in the world in 2009 are: China, India, United States, Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Russia, Japan. <i>Give one unit for every 100 million that live in the western hemisphere.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (US Geological Survey, http://pubs.usgs.gov/publications/text/slabs.html) Recently, the world has had much seismic activity caused by shifting of tectonic plates. Learn about plate tectonics from the US Geological Society. <i>Give three units for every earthquake you've experienced.</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Facts, http://www.episcopalchurch.org) There are more than 7,000 Episcopal churches in 110 dioceses in the U.S. <i>Give two units for every Episcopal church you've attended.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (Environment, Health and Safety Online, http://www.ehso.com) Americans purchase over 3 billion a year. Re-using and recycling batteries is important. Discover how and where to safely dispose batteries. <i>Give one unit for every battery you use.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH (see Trinity's history by Audrey Murdock) Trinity embodies the spirit of resurrection! Learn the significance of these dates to Trinity's history: 1794, 1817, 1832, 1865, 1876, 1891, 1961, 1998. <i>Give one unit for each Trinity re-birth.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (Vermont State Historic Sites, http://www.historicvermont.org/sites) Vermont is rich in history and has numerous sites and historic markers that share its story. <i>Take a trip with your family to visit one of Vermont's historic sites!</i></p>
1 4-Apr	2 5-Apr	3 6-Apr	4 7-Apr	5 8-Apr	6 9-Apr	7 10-Apr
<p>EARTH (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, http://www.aspc.org) About 5-7 million pets enter shelters every year. 60% of dogs and 70% of cats that enter shelters are euthanized each year. <i>Volunteer an hour at a local veterinary clinic or animal shelter.</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Episcopal Relief and Development, http://www.er-d.org) 92% of every dollar donated to ERD goes directly to programs established in over 40 countries. "Nets for Life" is one such program. <i>Give one unit for each screen in your home.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (National Endowment for the Arts, http://www.arts.gov) The NEA is this country's largest annual funder of the arts. Yet, its 2009 budget of \$155 million is less than 1% of the total arts philanthropy in America! <i>Give one unit for each piece of art displayed in your home.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH (see Trinity's history by Audrey Murdock) Trinity has been a stepping stone for a number of Episcopal bishops. <i>Give one unit for every bishop and two units for every presiding bishop that has called Trinity home.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (Food Environment Atlas, http://maps.ers.usda.gov) 15-20% of Rutland County's low-income preschoolers suffer from obesity due to poor nutritional habits, the highest in the state. <i>Give one unit for each well-balanced meal you eat today.</i></p>	<p>WORLD RELIGION (Interfaith Calendar, http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/2010) This week, Sikhs worldwide celebrated Baisakhi, the Hindu start of the new year. <i>Give one unit for every new year you've ever celebrated.</i></p>	<p>WORLD (water facts, http://water.org) Every US dollar invested in safe water and sanitation provides an economic return of \$8 on average, 272 million school attendance days, and 1.5 billion healthy days for children under 5. <i>Give five units for each bathroom in your home.</i></p>
8 11-Apr	9 12-Apr	10 13-Apr	11 14-Apr	12 15-Apr	13 16-Apr	14 17-Apr
<p>TRINITY CHURCH (http://www.trinitychurchrutland.org) Trinity Church was designed by Bishop John Henry Hopkins. This stone structure was consecrated on August 16, 1865. <i>Give one unit for every cross on Trinity's roof.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, http://www.vtnohunger.org) According to the USDA, Vermont is the 6th hungriest state in the nation. <i>Give one unit in thanksgiving for every 5 cans and boxes of food on your shelves.</i></p>	<p>WORLD RELIGION (https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook) The CIA describes over 4300 faith groups with Christianity being the largest with over 2 billion followers. Only 16% of all people claim no religion. <i>Give five units in thanks for religious diversity.</i></p>	<p>WORLD (Child Labor, http://www.unicef.org) UNICEF estimates that 158 million children aged 5-14 are engaged in child labor. 1 in 6 children worldwide do not have the opportunity for education. <i>Give five units for every educated child in your home.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (http://www.earthday.org, http://www.epa.gov/NE/earthday/index.html) Today is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day! More than one billion people in over 190 countries will take action today. <i>Visit the EPA website for a way to take action and do something today!</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Episcopal Church Foundation, http://www.episcopalchurch.org) ECF provides congregations with resources and tools that strengthen leadership and financial capabilities. <i>Give one unit for every leadership role you've taken in your church.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (Pro Literacy, http://www.proliteracy.org) Over 18 million adults in America do not read well enough to earn a living wage, and 63% of prison inmates cannot read at all. <i>Give one unit for each item you read today.</i></p>
15 18-Apr	16 19-Apr	17 20-Apr	18 21-Apr	19 22-Apr	20 23-Apr	21 24-Apr
<p>WORLD (Population Facts, http://www.enviroalternatives.com) It took humanity millions of year to reach 1 billion people in 1830; the next billion took 100 years; only 60 years produced the next 3 billion, and only 10 more to reach the total of 6 billion! <i>Give one unit per billion souls.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (Earth Dynamics, http://www.earthfacts.net) The rocks beneath Earth's surface hold an estimated 40 times more freshwater that all the lakes, rivers and marshes in the world combined! <i>Give a unit for every drink you take today and a prayer of thanks for water.</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Millennium Development Goals, http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/) The UN reports that a lack of commitment from its partners puts the MDGs at risk of not being met by the 2015 deadline. <i>Give ten units in apology for promises not kept.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (National Parks Service, http://www.nps.gov) The National Parks Service, a bureau of the Department of Interior, was established in 1916, naming Yellowstone our nations first national park. Today, America has 392 national parks. <i>Give one unit for each park you've visited.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH (Archive Records) Trinity has called 19 priests to serve as its pastor. Rev. John Hicks was the first to answer the call. <i>Give two units for every Trinity priest to serve as your pastor.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (Vermont Geography, http://www.vermontvacation.com) Vermont has 223 peaks over 2,000 feet high. Mt. Mansfield is Vermont's highest elevation at 4,395 feet. <i>Give two units for every Vermont peak over 2,000 feet you've climbed.</i></p>	<p>WORLD RELIGION (Encyclopedia State University, http://encyclopedia.stateuniversity.com/pages/2550/Beltane.html) Beltane, an ancient Celtic celebration of the awakening of life, is the mid-point of the sun's passage from Spring to Summer. <i>Give a posy of flowers to a neighbor or shut-in.</i></p>
22 25-Apr	23 26-Apr	24 27-Apr	25 28-Apr	26 29-Apr	27 30-Apr	28 1-May
<p>U.S. FACTS (Library of Congress, http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/index.html) American Memory is in internet "wing" of the Library of Congress that shares historical documents, recordings, maps, etc. that have been digitized. <i>Give one unit each time you use the internet today.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH Trinity offers at least ten opportunities to worship together each week. During Holy Week, the opportunities nearly double. <i>Give two units for every missed opportunity last week to worship with others.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (Vermont's State House, http://www.leg.state.vt.us/sthouse) The 57 ft. dome on Vermont's state house, built of a wooden frame wrapped by a copper sheath, is covered in the purest gold leaf that can be used: 23.7 carats. <i>Give five units if you've visited the state house.</i></p>	<p>WORLD RELIGION (http://www.religionnewsblog.com/13206) The Bible is the world's best selling book. It is also the world's most shoplifted book! Apparently, people feel the Word of God should be free. <i>Give one unit for every Bible in your home.</i></p>	<p>WORLD (Microfinance, https://www.microplace.com, http://www.kiva.org, many others) Microfinance is a way to make small loans to poor entrepreneurs in developing countries to help them alleviate poverty. <i>Give one unit for every loan you've ever contracted.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (Arbor Day Foundation, http://www.arborday.org) Today is Arbor Day. This holiday began in 1872. The Arbor Day Foundation distributes more than 10 million trees each year. <i>Plant a tree today!</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Advocacy Mission, http://www.episcopalchurch.org/advocacy) The Episcopal Church's mission of advocacy provides education, motivation and empowerment for social justice. <i>Give ten units to thank God for helping hands and shoulders to lean on!</i></p>
29 2-May	30 3-May	31 4-May	32 5-May	33 6-May	34 7-May	35 8-May
<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Presiding Bishop, http://www.episcopalchurch.org) Our Presiding Bishop is the 26th, and is the pastor of 2.4 million members in 16 countries and 110 dioceses. <i>Give one unit for every presiding bishop that has served over the course of your life.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (American Civil Liberties Union, http://www.aclu.org) The ACLU was founded in 1920 to defend individual rights after the Supreme Court neglected to uphold any First Amendment claims. <i>Give one unit each time you tune into news media today.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH Trinity has over 40 ministries and groups in which one may serve. Over 150 members actively participate in these ministries. <i>Give one unit in thanksgiving for any group at Trinity in which you've participated.</i></p>	<p>VERMONT (Vermont Employment Earnings, http://www.vermont.gov) In Vermont, women earn only 66.3% of what men earn, except in broadcasting where a women earn more than men! <i>Give one unit for every working woman you meet today.</i></p>	<p>ASCENSION DAY (Acts 1:8) The feast of the Ascension is marked by "The Great Commission" when Jesus gave his apostles their mission to spread the Word of God "unto the ends of the earth." <i>Share the good news with at least one person today!</i></p>	<p>WORLD (World Health Organization, http://www.who.int/en/) The proportion of undernourished children under age 5 has declined by 7%; the mortality rate of under 5 children has decreased by 27%. <i>Give ten units in thanks for progress in infant healthcare.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (US National Wildlife Health Center, http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov) Mount Aeolus cave, near Dorset, once held over 200,000 bats. But due to White Nose Syndrome, about 90% of them have died. <i>Give ten units in thanksgiving for wildlife protection services.</i></p>
36 9-May	37 10-May	38 11-May	39 12-May	40 13-May	41 14-May	42 15-May
<p>VERMONT (VT Dept. of Energy, http://www.eredux.com) Vermont has the lowest fossil fuel emissions and energy consumption rate in the U.S. Vermont's leading energy consumers are residential areas and transportation. <i>Give two units for each ride in a motor vehicle today.</i></p>	<p>WORLD RELIGION (about Buddhism, http://www.buddhanet.net) Buddha Day, or Vesakha, is celebrated on the first full moon of May and commemorates the birthday and enlightenment of Buddha as well as the founding of Buddhism. <i>Give one unit for each Noble Truth.</i></p>	<p>WORLD (Poverty Facts and Statistics, http://www.globalissues.org) 567 million people earn a combined income of less than the combined wealth of the world's 7 richest people. 80% of the world lives on less than \$10 a day. <i>Give one unit for every dollar you earn per day over \$10.</i></p>	<p>EARTH (Earth's Magnetic Field, http://www.space.com) Geophysicists believe that the 10% weakening of Earth's magnetic field is suggestive of a polar reversal caused by fluctuations in the liquid iron core. <i>Give one unit for every magnet on your refrigerator.</i></p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Episcopal lectionary, http://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary) The lectionary is a three-year cycle of scriptural readings for public worship services, developed in 1969 by the Roman Catholic Church. <i>Give ten units in thanksgiving for our lectors.</i></p>	<p>U.S. FACTS (National Foundation for Credit Counseling, http://www.nfcc.org) The NFCC reports that 1 in 7 people have over 10 credit cards, and less than 50% track their credit histories. The average household credit card debt is \$16,007! <i>Give five units for each of your credit cards.</i></p>	<p>TRINITY CHURCH Members of Trinity share in joyful fellowship each month in a variety of ways: worship, coffee hour, events, and more! <i>Say a prayer of thanks for the good people of our church family and share the fruits of your giving at the fellowship event tomorrow!</i></p>
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****SUGGESTIONS FOR USING THIS CALENDAR****

** Eastertide is a joyful time of thanksgiving for the abundance of God's gifts in our world. It is hoped that participants will offer a prayer of thanksgiving each day along with the giving suggestion.

** Choose a consistent unit to give. A unit may be a penny, nickle--any coin.

** Use a jar or some sort of container to collect your units. Some people prefer to track their units and write the total as a check at the end of the period. But part of the fun is in watching the pot grow!

** Each week has a "highlighted" day where the suggestion is to take an action rather than give. A recommendation: take along a Trinity Church business card to share. If you are unable to do the activity, you may choose to give a set amount if you prefer.

** This calendar lists the source of the fact for each day. It is the hope of the Stewardship committee that families and individuals will take some time to learn more about these facts! Learning together is an unsung joy!

** Above all, the Stewardship Committee hopes you enjoy this calendar in the spirit in which it is intended!

**** A large-print version of the calendar is available by request in the church office. ****