



Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
Messenger Article  
Trinitytide 1 (June-August) 2024

## Overcoming the Distance

As we enter into the first half of Trinitytide, which is the “Ordinary” time after Trinity Sunday that encompasses most of the summer, I want to take some time to reflect on being distant from God. Throughout the length of one’s walk with God, which, Lord willing, will constitute many decades, it is common to experience periods of feeling distant from God. This can be a result of unrepentant sin, of course, but also can arise for other reasons, such as unanswered prayers, difficult life circumstances, and doubt-filled thoughts. What do we do when we find ourselves in such situations? Turning to God’s Word is always a remedy for the ills of life, and when this particular problem is present, Psalms of lamentation can be of great help. Let’s consider Psalms 42-43, which were originally one hymn.

The Psalmist famously begins this song with the verse, “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.” This is a beautiful, yet powerful statement, and one that we ought to desire to make our own. However, why exactly is he saying this? It is not simply because he wants more of God; it is because he is far from God. In verse 2 he rhetorically asks, “When shall I come and appear before God?” How can he ask such a question? Does one not know when he will be able to worship God? Let’s consider more of the text. In verse 3, after stating that his tears have become his food, he explains that others “say to me all the day long, ‘where is your God?’” Further, he sings, “These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival” (V. 4). Now it is starting to make sense. Remember that this is under the Old Covenant, hundred of years before the time of Christ. To “appear before God” meant to worship Him at the Temple in Jerusalem. This person, who must be in the priestly service, probably as a singer or musician, cannot physically go to the Temple at this time. He speaks of people taunting him, who seem to be his enemies. It is possible that he is in exile, having been forcefully taken away to Babylon.

He therefore hungers and thirsts for God as a man who is has been unwillingly deprived of the Lord’s presence, a presence that is uniquely manifest at the Temple. Although he protests his situation, still he would have acknowledged the role that the sin of Israel played in this devastating reality. The exile was clearly a consequence given in response to Jacob’s unrepentant wickedness. Yet even this situation was not permanent; God’s correction is not punitive, but restorative. The Psalmist thus calls on this same God who punished in order that he might restore. He does make known out loud the way he perceives the present: “I say to God, my rock: why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?” (V. 9). Nevertheless, the answer is not to allow one’s inward being to remain perpetually in a state of disillusionment leading to dispondancy. Things may feel bad, and even be bad, at the moment. It may seem like God is nowhere to be found. However, we know in the innermost recesses of our hearts that such is not true. God allows trial; God is known to test. His Word says as much. We must remember that these are allotted to us for the refining of our faith, the strengthening of our hope’s resiliency, and the fostering of our love.

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Finally, in the second part of this hymn (Psalm 43), we see what he does to stir up, once again, his trust in the Most High. He writes, "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of my God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God" (V. 3-4). Call upon God in your moment of distress. In that place of feeling like He is a million miles away, push through and cry out to Him. If a Psalmist of the Old Covenant can be spiritually awakened to trust in God for his return to the Holy Land and the restoration of the Temple, surely we who have been made the Temple of the Holy Ghost by the indwelling of that same Spirit can be stirred inwardly to believe that Christ will do a work in our hearts. The truth is that regardless of how we feel, "he is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'" (Acts 17:27-28). We do not need God to come to us; He is already here. We need him to peel back the veil, so that we experience more of His presence that is ever surrounding us. God does this throughout Scripture, He has done it during the history of His Church, and He is willing to do it today. Are we willing to step out in faith and ask God to give us a fresh taste of His Holy Spirit, to rekindle within us our "first love?" (Rev. 2:4). As the Psalmist puts it: "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God" (43:5).

In Christ,  
Fr. Shawn+

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## Worship at Holy Trinity

### *Sundays:*

8:00 a.m.	Said Mass – roughly every other Sunday during the Summer (see calendar on page 7)
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – roughly every other Sunday during the Summer (see page 7)
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Solemn High Mass the first Sunday of the month and other Special Days)

### *Wednesdays:*

11:30 a.m.	Said Mass
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## *From the Organist / Choirmaster:*



The choir joins me in extending an invitation to join! St. Augustine has been credited with saying that "He who sings, prays twice." One of the joys of being the organist at HTAC is how lustily the congregation sings at mass. Another is how devoted the choir members are. For various reasons, such as moving away, we have lost a few members. Are you interested in joining us? The only requirements are that you attend rehearsals on alternate Tuesday evenings, and arrive at about 9 a.m. on Sunday to prepare, but these are flexible and can accommodate your work or family schedule. You don't need to know how to read music, but that helps, of course; reading music really is fairly easy, and I will help you learn.

Please let me or a choir member know if you are interested!

*David Baker*

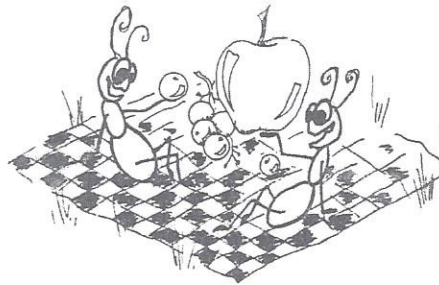
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## Food and/or help with clean up during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you are not in a position to bring food but could help with clean-up that would be wonderful. We will scale back the Sunday lunch to cookies etc. for July and most of August, with potluck lunch August 25. For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or [jcbalk@aol.com](mailto:jcbalk@aol.com)).

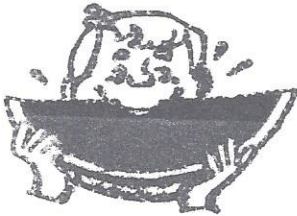


# CHURCH PICNIC



**Sunday, August 4  
1:00 p.m.**

**At the home of Steve and Monica Walker  
Lunenburg, MA**



**All invited!**

**Come, celebrate a time of fellowship with all your Holy Trinity friends!**

**Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and other picnic foods  
Horseshoes, cornhole, and other games for old and young!**

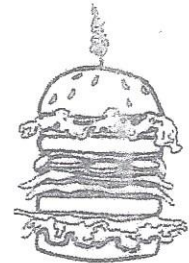
**New this year – slip and slide!**

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able**

**To sign up and any questions:**

**Monica Walker**

**walkermonica@comcast.net or 508-272-6900**



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## Summer Lunch Program

Marlborough Schools are expected to close on June 18<sup>th</sup> for the summer. Therefore, our Summer Lunch Program will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> through the end of August. We will make and serve lunches for approximately 2.5 weeks at the beginning of the summer. The City will then supply the lunches until around August 20<sup>th</sup> at which time we will continue to provide lunches until school opens. The City's policy is, anyone under the age of 18 is entitled to a free lunch. However, all summer we continue to feed parents and anyone else who may be hungry. If you are able to assist with this important ministry, please contact me.

Kathleen Demers  
508-624-7642 or nanakay105@aol.com

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## SECOND SATURDAY

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention. Upcoming Second Saturdays are: June 8, July 13, August 10.





## Vacation Bible School

### How you may help!

This is a ministry of our church family.

Your help is much appreciated in any of these ways:

Volunteer at the VBS week as an assistant teacher or other areas.

Help prepare the crafts in advance.

**Spread the word to friends and neighbors whose children may like to attend.**

**Donate money to help with scholarships and other costs (this is really needed this year please!)**

**Pray for the students and volunteers.**

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**Relevant information for your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors:**

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

**Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins and dart frogs, children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at the 7 “C’s” of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. This Answers in Genesis curriculum uses Bible stories, crafts, science, games, and songs to help kids learn to connect their Bible to their everyday life.

**Registration information: call or email Monica Walker at:**

**508-272-6900 or [walkermonica@comcast.net](mailto:walkermonica@comcast.net).**

Cost is \$35 per child. Scholarships are available.

Registration deadline is **June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Plan now to join us for a great time at

*The Great Jungle Journey*

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### **A Prayer for the Care of Children:**

*Almighty God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(Anglican Service Book, p. 650)



## PRAYER AND FASTING

Over the summer months there will be no official Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer. This can be difficult to schedule with so many regular participants taking vacation at different times. Please do continue to fast and pray diligently for our Church family and look for an announcement about this in the next "Messenger".

If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day of Prayer on the Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A minimum of eleven persons sign-up to pray in their own home for one hour. This way at least one person will be fasting every day that week on behalf of the church family and at least one person will be praying from approximately sunup to sundown on the Day of Prayer.

*Come Holy Spirit! Fall upon us! Come in power!*

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## Just Me and My Shadow

"Just Me and My Shadow" is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People do not need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal.

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## ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

*"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book.  
Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed"* (Psalm 139:16, NLT)



- **Brochures and other information:** There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home. Please visit the website [www.anglicansforlife.org](http://www.anglicansforlife.org) to read the recent newsletter and about the many great programs going on right now. The list is too long to mention everything!
- **Baby Bottle campaign:** On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) baby bottles were passed out and will be collected Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to fill the bottle with cash or a check to benefit the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you!
- **40 days for life campaign:** The 40 days for life Fall campaign has not yet been announced. Usually it starts late September runs through early November. Watch for more information as the time approaches. You may also visit [www.anglicansforlife.org](http://www.anglicansforlife.org) for more information.
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those whom society feels are a burden.
- **Newsletter of Anglicans for Life:** The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at <https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/>. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to [www.Liveaction.org](http://www.Liveaction.org).
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordination Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

Psalm 127:3

Kathleen Demers



## **OUR FOOD PANTRY IS REALLY LOW ON SUPPLIES!!! PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY**

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food" (St. Matthew 25:35a)*

You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry on any given Sunday. Needed items right now are canned soups, tomato sauce, canned chicken and tuna, mayonnaise, cans of pasta, any type of canned meals, and canned fruits. We do not need canned vegetables at this time. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You!

Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

### **Happy Birthday:**

**June:** Richard Ayisi - 1<sup>st</sup>; Elizabeth McGinnis - 1<sup>st</sup>; Diane Place - 3<sup>rd</sup>; Fr. Praveen Mutalik - 8<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Bottini - 12<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca McKinnon - 14<sup>th</sup>; Johnnie Briggs - 17<sup>th</sup>; Donald Richards - 23<sup>rd</sup>; Christine McKinnon - 26<sup>th</sup>; Erin Day - 30<sup>th</sup>.

**July:** Fr. Shawn Fowler - 2<sup>nd</sup>; Olivia Favreau - 8<sup>th</sup>; Tim Dunphy - 13<sup>th</sup>; Stephen Bottini - 13<sup>th</sup>; Dcn. Suzy Kenyon - 14<sup>th</sup>; Fr. Michael McKinnon - 16<sup>th</sup>; Diana Newton Wood - 16<sup>th</sup>; Diane Byrne - 18<sup>th</sup>; Danny Burbeck - 18<sup>th</sup>; Anna Burbeck - 19<sup>th</sup>; Deidre Taylor - 23<sup>rd</sup>; Marilou Kelso - 25<sup>th</sup>; Ronald Manrique - 28<sup>th</sup>; Marta Burbeck - 29<sup>th</sup>; Clara Fowler - 31<sup>st</sup>.

**August:** David Baker - 2<sup>nd</sup>; Gregg Dunphy - 6<sup>th</sup>; Dustin Hassard Jr - 7<sup>th</sup>; Rosa DeMartinis - 17<sup>th</sup>; David Tucker - 22<sup>nd</sup>; James Carlson - 23<sup>rd</sup>; Susan Lindsay - 25<sup>th</sup>; Liz Temple - 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Happy Anniversary:**

William and Brenda Keeler on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bobby Recko and Renee Beausoleil on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dcn. Rhonda and Tom Cotton on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

John and Tanya Bottini on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Bob Cummins and Karen Panasevich-Cummins on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dcn. Suzy and Mike Kenyon on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dcn. John and Sue Lindsay on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Don and Judy Richards on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dan and Emily Morse on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Shawn and Cate Fowler on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Molly and Dave Day on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Fr. Praveen and Karen Mutalik on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer and Philip Davis on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Steve and Monica Walker on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This year we have been blessed with several children new to our church and the Atrium. It has been a very good year for us and now we will take a summer break. For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.



**Live Streaming:** The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass is live streamed each week.  
**Said Mass is offered each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.**

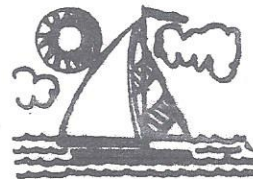
## June

Sun, June 2	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 1 (Proper 4)	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, June 9	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Trinity 2 (Proper 5)		
Sun, June 16	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 3 (Proper 6)	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, June 23	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Trinity 4 (Proper 7)		
Sun, June 30	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Nativity of St. John the Baptist		



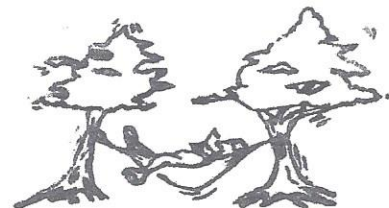
## July

Sun, July 7	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Sts. Peter and Paul	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, July 14	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Trinity 7 (Proper 10)		
Sun, July 21	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Trinity 8 (Proper 11)	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, July 28	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
St. Anne		



## August

Sun, August 4	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 10 (Proper 13)	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, August 11	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Transfiguration		
Sun, August 18	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, August 25	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Trinity 13 (Proper 16)		



### *Notes of Note:*

- **The Intercessory Prayer Group** is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.
- **Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays:** This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.
- **Adult Christian Education** is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. It will not be held in July and the first three weeks of August. We will start up again on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Please join us! This will be cancelled July 17<sup>th</sup> because of Vacation Bible School.
- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. It is likely this group will take a break over the summer. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or [dwmorse@live.com](mailto:dwmorse@live.com).
- **Women's Fellowship:** We will take a break over the summer and resume with a new book study in September. Usually the group meets the third Saturday of the month either in person or via Zoom. For more information, please contact Cate Fowler at 860-373-1226 or [caitlynkfowler@gmail.com](mailto:caitlynkfowler@gmail.com).
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Sunday, July 14.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sunday, August 11.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table:** Sunday, June 9.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at [emmorse@comcast.net](mailto:emmorse@comcast.net) or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Vestry/Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Vestry meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP**

If you would like to commemorate a loved one by donating the cost of the altar flowers or Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Tanya Bottini (508-877-8736), or email [JBottini1@verizon.net](mailto:JBottini1@verizon.net) for details and to sign up for a particular Sunday. You are welcome to donate in memory, in thanksgiving, or in honor of one or more people. The Holy Eucharist will also be offered for your intention. Thank you!

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The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford	Diocesan Bishop
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Lynne Krebs	508-494-2410 (Clerk)
Jay O'Leary	508-624-9705
David Tucker	508-875-4863
Donald Richards	Senior Warden Emeritus

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### **Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- **Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.**
- Church address: 472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough MA
- Church mailing address: 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough MA
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- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: [facebook.com/HTACMass](https://facebook.com/HTACMass)
- Our Diocesan Website: [www.anglicannetwork.ca](http://www.anglicannetwork.ca)
- Our Provincial Website: [www.anglicanchurch.net](http://www.anglicanchurch.net)

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### **Please let us know!**

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,  
please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.  
They will arrange visits, and holy communion if requested.

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### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER**

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter to cover the second half of the Season after Trinity is **Sunday, August 18, 2024.**

Please email your items to me at [walkermonica@comcast.net](mailto:walkermonica@comcast.net). Thank you! Monica Walker

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