



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH** 105 NORTH BRIDGE STREET ELKTON, MD 21921 www.trinityelkton.org 410-398-5350



## My Dear Friends in Christ...

I was born and raised in the equatorial region of Africa, the land on the western part of the Rift Valley in Kenya. As I shepherded my fathers cows, I used to gaze at the immense ant hills and wondered how the tiny creatures could build such huge high domes, some as high at ten feet or more. As a small boy I would sit closely by and watch how they carried out their activities.

As tiny as they were some carried morsels of soil to the work place, others stayed at the site, either putting the mud in the right place or guarding their new colony from the attack. I was amazed how those tiny ants worked as a team to build the immense structure.

As I reflect upon this vision from my childhood, I am reminded of the Acts of the Apostles 4:32a. "All the believers were one in heart and mind..." What does this mean to be one in heart and mind? Being one in heart and mind requires that we allow the word of God be the source of our inspiration as we wrestle with critical issues that are facing us in our time in life. We are called to devote ourselves to prayer and service to one another.

My wife Jane, our children Chris, Dennis and Hudson and I want to thank the vestry under the leadership of Charles, and the entire church for your decision that I become part of your journey during this period of transition. I also sincerely thank you for the wonderful reception.

You and I bring to the table diverse gifts and talents. As we journey together in this new venture each one of us will bring something to the table to build this faith community and provide an opportunity to those who are here and those yet to come to make this place, Trinity Church, our home.

As Paul said in Philippians 2:2, so I say to you, my joy will be complete, if we will be of the same mind, united in spirit, to love one another and work together for a common purpose as we pray for God's grace to be upon us.

Rev'd Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi Interim priest

> Father Nicholas Sichangi Itinerary Monday Morning: Office Afternoon:Pastoral Care/Visit Wednesday Morning: Bible Study Afternoon: Pastoral Care/ Visit Friday: Pastoral Care/ Visit

#### OUR PRAYER LIST

Jacob Asroff, Jackie Bollinger, Pat Breza, Bill Bulford, Carolyn Bunting, Judy Burkley, Mike Cheesman, Donald Cole, Helen Cornacchia, Lee Craig, Jesse Cugini, Marie Dawson, Kathy Deats, Jerry Dvorak, Ed Evans, Samantha Elwell, Rusann Foster, Kelly Galyen, Margaret Graham, Duffy Heath, Russell Holland, Walter Jermyn, Connie Keares, Libby Keefer, Holli Krebs, Chase Lupica, Louis Marion, Michael McAllister, Samantha McDermott, Richard Palmer, Rose Perrone, Vaughn Potts, Linda Rawlings, Patsy Rouke, David Russ, Robert Schick, Stephanie Smalls, Karen Smith, Russell Stobaugh, Bunny Sturgill-Martin, Jacob Timchula, Lisa Wiegand



PLEASE HELP US OUT WITH OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST ....

If you have put a name on the above list, especially prior to a month ago, we would like to hear from you as to how that person is doing, whether they need to remain on the list, or may be taken off. We appreciate an update. Please call the office 410-398-5350

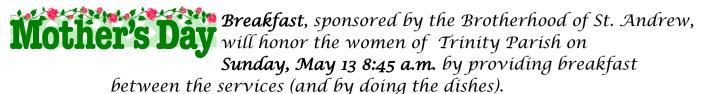
ALTAR FLOWERS WELCOME Please consider taking part in adorning God's altar. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

PENTECOST FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday service, please complete the form and return to the church office by May 21st.. (see insert)

GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL? Please call the church office at 410-398-5350. We want to visit you and pray privately and corporately for you.



Susan Weed, Susan Burkholder, Cheryl Lee, Mitzie Snyder, Nina Fletcher, Diane Hair, Goldie Cook, Tricia Smith, Debbie McKeown



Please plan to attend in celebration of our moms!

**United Thank Offering** - Spring Ingathering: UTO Spring Ingathering will take place on Sunday, May 13t<sup>h</sup> at both services. Look for boxes in your pews and please fill it with your thankful offering. Please make checks out to United Thank Offering.

**Dinner Time-** It is time for a dinner together. **Saturday Night, May 19th** in the Parish Hall. I think we will have chicken and ham and everyone please bring their favorite side dish. We will have a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall and in Church on Sundays.

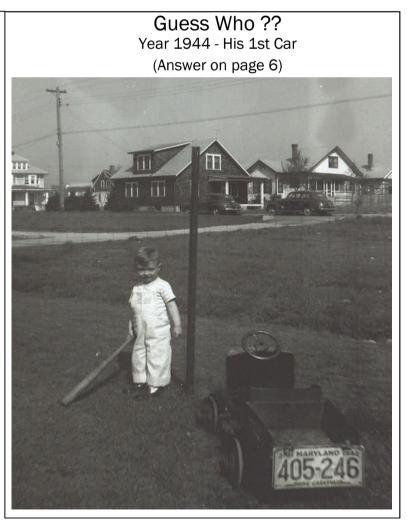
Father Nicholas will be with us for his first dinner with his new Trinity Family so please come. We also have some new ideas for fellowship that we would like to talk about that evening, we want to hear everyone. ~The Party Ladies

> **Elkton Community Kitchen-** Trinity Church will be providing food and serving at the *Elkton Community Kitchen on Friday, June 1st.* If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me at 410-392-3154 or <u>sweed52@comcast.net</u> ~Susan Weed



LADIES OF TRINITY ARE HAVING A YARD SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 TO 1:00PM

Spaces are \$10.00 for parishioners and \$15.00 non-parishioners, call the church office or see Libby Keefer. **Yard Sale Donations Needed -**Getting ready to clean out your garage or basement? The ladies of Trinity will take your clutter. Drop-off at Trinity House any movies, books, household items, tools, games, dishes, toys, small appliances etc. Anything but clothes. Any question, please call the office 410-398-5350. Thank you in advance! ~Libby Keefer







## **Trinity Gardeners Volunteers Needed**

Would you be interested in using your gardening talents to spruce up Trinity church plant beds, planting and maintaining shrubs and/ or herbaceous perennials in designated location, or offering assistance to establish and maintain container and



potted plants in various locations around the Parish Hall and Church? If this opportunity appeals to you, and you could spend about an hour or so each week on a garden related project of your choice at Trinity then please contact Libby Keefer at 410-398-2238 or Bill Smith at smithwf43@hotmail.com to express and interest in joining Trinity Gardeners for 2012 Season.

~Bill Smith

### Trinity Food Pantry



During the first three months in 2012 we have served 159 families and 429 individuals. As we have to replenish the stock weekly, your contributions of food or money are always welcome. On Sunday, the food can be put in the rear of the church. During the week it can be left in the church office. In order to limit each volunteer activity to one week a month, we need 2 people to help in the food pantry on a

Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30. The Pantry is located in the Parish Office building. We are not open on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. We will train interested parties so they can learn as they go. Please contact Goldie Cook with any questions. ~Ben & Goldie Cook



## Ministry Schedule

May 2012

#### 8 a.m. Service

#### C-B/R

5/6 Bill Smith 5/13 Mary Helen Atwood 5/20 Gordon Tozer 5/27 Mary Helen Atwood

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5/6 Mitzie Snyder 5/13 Gordon Tozer 5/20 Mitzie Snyder 5/27 Mitzie Snyder

#### Usher

5/6 Paul Arbour Jr.5/13 Sam Smith, Gordon Tozer5/20 Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo5/27 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown

Altar Guild for May Nina Fletcher and Goldie Cook



SUMMER SERVICE CHANGE Beginning Sunday, June 10th we will switch to one

service on Sunday, at 9:00 A.M. The service will have 2 lessons and a psalm, opening and closing hymns, and music at the offertory. This service will be an opportunity for the 8:00 and 10:00 o'clockers to mingle, and for our worship ministries to have a gentler schedule. We'll resume our regular schedule in September 9th.

#### 10:00 a.m. Service

Acolvtes 5/6 Jordyn Parrott, Carri Birdsall 5/13 Hunter Taylor, T. J. Taylor 5/20 J .P. Fossler, Jack Fossler 5/27 Erin Clay, Aaron Derby Lector 5/6 Jill Magnani 5/13 Hans Nafzinger 5/20 Bill Gorak 5/27 Ross Lee C-B/R 5/6 Heidi White, Ross Lee 5/13 Mary Morrison, Orville Potts 5/20 Ross Lee, Margaret Russ 5/27 Kathy Davidson, Heidi White P of the P 5/6 Debbie McKeown 5/13 Judy Caffey 5/20 Mike Fossler 5/27 Judy Caffey Ushers 5/6 M.K. Hitchcock, Charlie Davidson 5/13 Sherri & David Calladine 5/20 Wendy Gilbert 5/27 Charlie Davidson Greeter 5/6 Sherri & David Calladine 5/13 Kathy Davidson 5/20 Libby Keefer

5/27 M.K. Hitchcock

#### Nursery

5/6 Joan Gaffney5/13 Tammy Cox5/20 Sherri Calladine5/27 Libby Keefer

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# May 2012 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S M T V 1 2 3 8 9 10 1 15 16 17 1	nil	I Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am Office Closed	2 Pastoral Care Visits	3	4 Pastoral Care Visits	5
6 8:00am 10:00am Holy Eucharist	7 Father Nicholas in office in AM Pastoral Care/ Visits in afternoon	8 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am 4-H Club Mtg 6:30 PM Office Closed	9 Pastoral Care Visits	10	<b>11</b> Pastoral Care Visits	12
13 8:00am 10:00am Holy Eucharist Mother's Day Brunch Between Services	14 Father Nicholas in office in AM Pastoral Care/ Visits in afternoon Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am Office Closed	16 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastoral Care/ Visits in afternoon	17	18 Pastoral Care Visits	19
20 8:00am 10:00am Holy Eucharist Christian Education 9:10-10:40am	21 Father Nicholas in office in AM Pastoral Care/ Visits in afternoon	22 Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am 4-H Club Mtg 6:30 PM Office Closed	23 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastoral Care Visits in afternoon	24	25 Pastoral Care Visits	26
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Tríníty Ladíes Summer Yard Sale Saturday, June 30 8am to 1pm
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105 N. Bridge Street* Elkton, MD         Yard Sale Reservation Form: (You must provide your own tables)         Parishioners:\$10/Space Non-Parishioners: \$15/Space         Name:
Phone #:
Address Make checks payable to Trinity Church and send information form in by Friday, June 22, 2012. Mail to Trinity Episcopal Church, c/o Libby Keefer, 105 N. Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921. Additional information call 410-398-5350. BENEFIT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOOD TO BE SOLD ON PREMISES!
Donation for Pentecost Flowers A Celebration of the Holy Spirit If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday service*, please complete this form and return it to the church office by May 21st. Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of \$ for Pentecost flowers. My donation is: (as it is to appear in the bulletin)
□ a thank offering
Name: Phone:
*The church will be decorated in red plants and flowers